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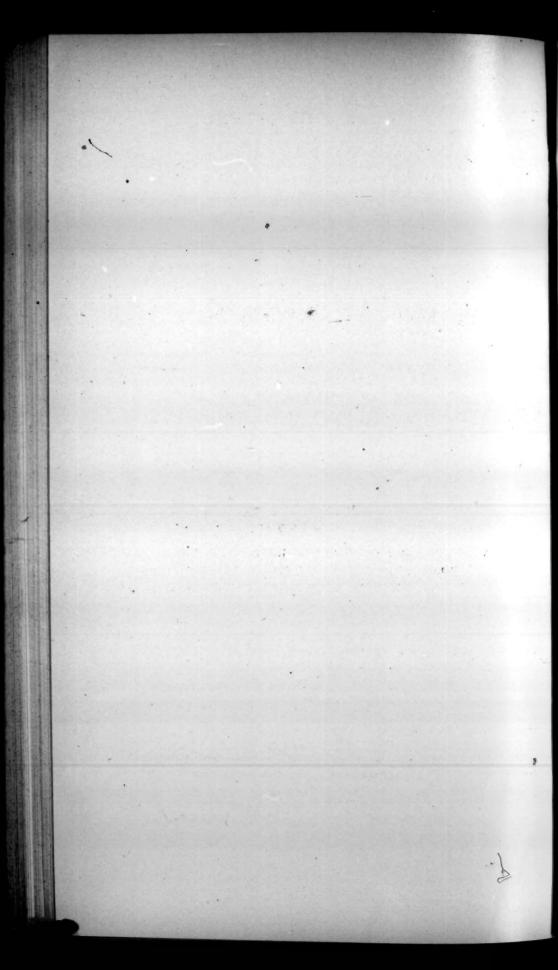
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ORDER OF BUSINESS.

- 1. Prayer.
- 2. Calling of the Roll.
- 3. Reading of the Minutes of the Last Meeting.
- 4. Report of Treasurer.
- 5. Communications from the Corresponding Secretary.
- 6. Report from Standing Committees.
- 7. Report of Auditors.
- 8. Miscellaneous Business.

THE SEVENTY-SECOND ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

American Baptist Home Mission Society

HELD AT CLEVELAND, OHIO, MAY 23 AND 24, 1904.

The Seventy-second Annual Meeting of the American Baptist Home Mission Society convened in the house of worship of the Euclid Avenue Church, Cleveland, Ohio, May 23, 1904, at 10 o'clock A.M., President E. M. Thresher, Esq., of Ohio, in the chair.

- (1) Devotional exercises were led by Rev. C. H. Wheeler, of Massachusetts, and Rev. P. W. Crannell, of Kansas. A solo was sung by Mr. E. O. Sellers, director of music and of men's work in the Euclid Avenue Church.
- (2) President Thresher delivered the annual address. said that once more we faced our great problem, how to win and hold this great country for Christ. He had been deeply impressed with the fact that the keynote of all the anniversary meetings was evangelism. The great problem of foreign missions is how to make them home missions in each foreign land. Our problem is how we may best use foreign mission methods, since the foreign elements are here. The truth is recognized that the cause of missions is one, and the common problem of all meets on the plane of evangelism. Taking the interview of Jesus with the woman of Samaria as basis, he drew from it four foundation principles of evangelism: 1. "Jesus said"—an authoritative word. 2. Human need: the message addressed to those who need it wherever we can find them. 3. Service: Jesus asked something through a human medium. We have the message from him, to give it to others. 4. Self-surrender: willingness to give is ever the condition of receiving. In these principles are the sources of true and successful evangelism. Is the lamp of faith burning with a more flickering light than in the past? The first want of the churches is

a stronger faith, a more living hope. There is inspiration in the thought of an authoritative divine message addressed to human need, of a divine call to service for humanity. This call the Home Mission Society seeks to meet in our country where all foreign elements unite and must be made over into law-abiding Christian Americans, if our religious and political liberties are to be secure and our civilization be preserved. In devotion to the simple gospel truths lies the solution of all America's problems and the assurance of progress along the lines of evangelism.

Singing, "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name."

(3) Secretary Morehouse presented the printed Report of the Board, and called especial attention to paragraphs on pages 1, 6, 7, 8, 27, 124.

Moved to adopt the Report. Motion temporarily laid on the table.

(4) The President named the following Committees, which were confirmed by the Society:

On Nominations—Rev. W. A. Stevens, New York; Rev. A. G. Lawson, New Jersey; Rev. B. A. Greene, Illinois; Rev. D. B. Cheney, Indiana; Rev. Frank Rector, Rhode Island; Rev. J. W. Conley, Nebraska; Rev. W. A. Stanton, Pennsylvania; Rev. G. W. Lasher, Ohio; Rev. A. T. Fowler, Minnesota; Rev. A. G. Upham, Massachusetts; D. G. Garabrant, Esq., New Jersey.

On Arrangements—Rev. C. A. Eaton, Ohio; Rev. Geo. E. Leonard, Ohio; Rev. C. S. Savage, New York; L. B. Philbrick, Massachusetts.

On Enrollment—Rev. F. T. Hazlewood, Massachusetts; Rev. J. B. Thomas, Illinois; Rev. E. B. Meredith, Kansas; Rev. E. R. Pope, Colorado; Rev. S. C. Fulmer, Indiana.

(5) The report of the Treasurer, Mr. Frank T. Moulton, was then submitted and adopted. The grand total of receipts for all purposes during the past year was \$635,395.77. The Permanent Funds, the income of which is applicable for expenses of administration and for general purposes, amounts to \$265,206.37; Permanent Funds for various educational purposes, \$292,036.53; Annuity Funds, \$493,429.11; Church Edifice Benevolent Trust Fund, of which the income only is used, \$158,508.20; Church Edifice Loan Fund, \$149,589.75; Conditional Fund, \$34,382.97—making a total of these funds of \$1,393,152.93. Besides this the Society

has an interest in school properties amounting to about \$1,000,000. Attention was called to the fact that the total increase in the contributions from the churches was only about \$1,500, the chief increase being in legacies, which was \$45,445.73 over last year. This, with the release of annuity funds of \$28,950 in excess of last year, enabled the Society to close the year with a reduction of last year's deficit from \$27,885.48 to \$21,772.24, in spite of a necessary increase in expenditures for general and special purposes of \$63,644.50.

(6) Rev. Wallace Buttrick, of New York, was recognized by the Chair, and-said that the anniversary of this year was also the anniversary of some relations that were important to this Society. Fifty years ago a lad lived at Avon, a few miles south of Rochester, New York. He was a farmer boy, used to hard work. About that time the University of Rochester was founded, and the discussions and controversies of that time, well known to us all, awakened in his youthful mind a desire for collegiate training; and so with such preparation as he could get along in the later fifties he came on to Rochester and became a student under Martin B. Anderson and Ezekiel G. Robinson. Graduating first from the University, and then from the Seminary, he became a missionary pastor in the then new State of Michigan, where he achieved marked success. After some ten years of work in Michigan he was called to the pastorate of the East Avenue Church in Rochester, New York, and soon became one of Dr. Strong's best advisers, and indeed for some time was the Financial Secretary of the Theological Seminary.

His work in these new fields was so well done that our great leader in that day, Dr. Bishop, heard of him, and chose him out, that young man, and made him Corresponding Secretary of the Home Mission Society. It may not be known to you that this year marks the twenty-fifth anniversary of his connection with our Society in executive capacity.

Now, my friends, are we to let this important fact go without recognition, and without appreciative tribute? Years ago, at Minneapolis, I heard Dr. Ashmore call Dr. Morehouse the Field Marshal of the Baptist denomination; that was an apt and accurate designation. He has been without a superior in counsel. In all respects of constructive statesmanship he has been our leader.

He is a man of vision who sees under the whole heaven, and discerns the possibilities of the future. He is such a man as great business corporations choose for the direction of their affairs; men who, like my associate, Mr. William H. Baldwin, Jr., of New York City, can see the possibilities of development on Long Island and devise and mark out those great improvements to cost approximately \$100,000,000, dividends from which cannot be expected for a decade, or a score of years. Dr. Morehouse has that sort of vision, and has mapped out lines of work that we have been following for a generation. You know that for several years I was associated with Dr. Morehouse as a member of your Executive Board, and that now I am engaged in an allied work in our Southern States. I want to say that conditions and measures which we in our slow way are but now seeing, Dr. Morehouse saw and ampounced years ago.

There is much that I should like to say of this great man; how many of us young men he has helped and brought out into the spheres of activity and usefulness; how much he did for us as pastors; and how our people loved him and flocked to hear him when he visited us from time to time. He has not only gained the confidence of our denomination; he has a place in our hearts where he abides forever. I speak of him as my friend, in some sense my father, though he is not old; he never can grow old, for he always dwells on the sunny side of life. I speak advisedly now, when I say that for all these twenty-five years, day and night, seven days a week, 365 days a year, with slight vacation, with the cables never cut, but always open to calls for help and sympathy, he has worked untiringly for the cause of Christ as represented by our Society. We should do injustice to ourselves if we let this day pass without notice. Mr. President, I move the appointment of a Special Committee who shall draft a careful and dignified statement of appreciation in recognition of this twenty-fifth anniversary of Dr. Morehouse's connection with our Society, and I suggest that some testimonial be prepared, not necessarily of intrinsic worth, but something which shall be to him an abiding token of our gratitude, our esteem, and our honor.

The motion was seconded by Secretary Mabie, of the Missionary Union, and Secretary Rowland, of the Publication Society, and passed unanimously, amid applause.

The following committee was appointed: Rev. W. H. Buttrick, New York; Rev. L.A. Crandall, Minnesota; Prof. H. G. Googins, Illinois; E. M. Thresher, Esq., Ohio; Rev. A. S. Hobart, Pennsylvania.

(7) Prof. Albion W. Small, of Chicago, spoke on "Home Mission Work as Related to the Character and Life of the Nation."

Adjourned until 2 P. M.

MONDAY AFTERNOON

(8) Afternoon session called to order at 2 o'clock, President Thresher in the chair.

Devotional exercises led by Rev. H. H. Bawden, of Ohio, and Rev. O. A. Williams, of Minnesota.

- (9) Secretary Morehouse, in preparation for the program of the session, read portions of the Report bearing on education. Alluding to the action of the Missionary Union looking to the endowment of their schools, he said that a similar movement is in contemplation by the Home Mission Society, and that we do not wish to appear in rivalry to the Union. The need for endowment of our schools had been long seen, and had become a pressing necessity with us. It will probably be a matter for joint consideration how the two measures should be worked simultaneously. We cannot afford to wait five years before doing something in this line. We must get to work. A frank statement about this matter was due to all concerned.
- (10) Rev. George Sale, of Atlanta, spoke on "Aims and Results in Our Educational Work."
- (11) Rev. Wallace Buttrick, Secretary of the General Education Board, and General Agent of the John F. Slater Fund for the Education of Freedmen, spoke on "Our Uncompleted Work for the Colored People."
- (12) In the absence, on account of sickness, of Rev. E. C. Morris, President of the National Baptist Convention, his address on "The Value of the Home Mission Society's Work for the Colored People," was read by Rev. Howard B. Grose.
- (13) Rev. L. A. Crandall presented the report of the committee on the twenty-fifth anniversary of Dr. Morehouse's services, as follows:

The past twenty-five years have witnessed a marvelous development of our national life. The settlement of territory heretofore unoccupied, the extension of national domain, the vast increase in population, have all served to enlarge and intensify the task of home evangelization. During this critical period in our political and religious development, one man has stood out preëminent among American Baptists as a sagacious and tireless leader in the work of winning America for Christ. To him it has been given not only to see clearly, to have undimmed vision of things as they are and are to be, but also to plan with rare wisdom and to execute with high success. To no man does the cause of American Baptist Home Missions owe so much as to Henry L. Morehouse. In him, unselfish consecration has been joined to a keen comprehension of the vast interests involved, ardent patriotism has been reinforced by unswerving loyalty to the kingdom of God, and to the vision of the statesman has been added that of God's prophet. In time of financial depression his faith never failed, and he saw and accomplished victory when some of us, less courageous, prophesied defeat. We felicitate ourselves upon the gracious providence which has given to us the invaluable service of such a man for the quarter of a century past. We extend to Dr. Morehouse the assurance of our profound gratitude and warm affection, and here record not only our appreciation of the splendid contribution which he has made to the work already accomplished, but our earnest hope that he may be spared for many years to fill the position which he has so long adorned.

L. A. CRANDALL,
WALLACE BUTTRICK,
H. F. GOOGINS,
ALVAH S. HOBART,
E. M. THRESHER,

This minute was adopted, with prolonged applause.

Calls were made for Dr. Morehouse, who responded with feeling. He said in substance:

I cannot find words to express my appreciation of the too generous estimate which partial friends have placed upon my services. I am deeply touched. Could I have had my way I would not have had any such thing done. I do not feel that I am in any

sense to be credited with the splendid results achieved by our Society. It is by the grace of God that I have continued to this present time. Whatever I have done I believe might have been done by scores of others under the same circumstances. God's providence has contributed to the success of the Home Mission Society these last twenty-five years. Any man or body of men who should claim the credit of this great work would be chargeable with presumption. God has been in it all the way through. He gave His people grace to see the splendid opportunity, and opened their hearts to it. The Society never faced larger opportunity than now, and was never in better position to do a magnificent work. A glorious unoccupied field remains to be cultivated. I appreciate these expressions because it means more than a personal word, it indicates loyalty to the work we have in hand. I do not forget that the Society is simply an agency. In the years of my connection with it, I have not striven for the glorification of the Society, but rather to make it the most effective agency possible for the work. The work itself is ever the supreme thing.

I came to the position as Secretary with extreme reluctance. I wondered why I had been called, and I am sure others did, too. I thought I would try it for five years, and see if anything could be done. At the end of that time something had been done, and I was willing to go on. After eleven years I said to the Board that it might be best to have a change in the Secretaryship, and I placed my resignation then at their disposal, but they said, No. At the end of fourteen years, when the burden became too heavy, I said I must get out. They said, You must stay and become Field Secretary. There were new problems just then which could not be solved from the office, and I accepted the position as a new call. For ten years I served in that capacity. When in the providence of God the Corresponding Secretary was removed by death, I was most reluctant to undertake the work of this position again, but was made to feel it a duty not to be escaped. By the grace of God I am what I am and where I am. I am willing to continue my service, but when you don't want me or I show any sign of waning powers, give me only the slightest hint and I will make way for another. The work is greater than any man. I am happy in having such as associate as the Field Secretary; and by the appointment of an Editorial Secretary to relieve me of details

which had become an unbearable burden, the Society is better equipped than ever before for its work, and I may with greater concentration give myself to the large questions that demand consideration by the Society—the Southern problem, the Emigration problem, and the Evangelistic problem. I thank you from my heart; and I pledge myself to do in my humble way what God assigns me to do, in this work for the salvation of the grandest land of all the lands of the globe.

- of Michigan, said he desired to speak a word in behalf of all the District Secretaries and Superintendents of the Society. Dr. Morehouse has not been to us a master or a boss, but an inspiring leader and friend. He has understood the position we occupy as collectors of money and helpers of the pastors. We have never been scolded by him. He has assumed that we had our individualities, and has respected them. He has expected us to know how to do our work in our respective and varied fields to the best advantage and has left methods to us. He has written us kind letters when we were discouraged, and helped us when we were in trouble. We have known that prayer was made for us at the Rooms, and have deeply appreciated this man of God.
- (16) Secretary Morehouse said it was only proper that at this time he should add a word concerning the relations that have existed between the Secretaries of our Societies. It has been a fraternity of fellowship, and never more so than now. He felt sad when he thought of those who have gone out from us-of Hill and Bishop and Cutting and Backus and Morgan, of the Home Mission Society; of Griffith and Bitting and Johnson and Banes and Dennisson, of the Publication Society; of Murdock and Warren and Duncan, of the Missionary Union. How they have fallen! And there are our presidents and noble laymen, such as Stickney and Merrill and Kingsley and Colgate and Williams and Fuller and Fitz and Estey and Greene. God be thanked for the fellowship of his saints! All through this period, with those trifling exceptions that mark all human relationships and quickly pass into oblivion, the relations between these Societies had formed a goodly fellowship. We are all engaged in the same workthe evangelization of the world.

Singing, "Blest be the Tie that Binds."

(17) Rev. Mr. Wilson, of New Jersey, introduced as the oldest living member of the Society, came to the platform and pronounced the benediction, prefacing his words by the statement that when he began his ministry in 1841 he pledged himself to give to the missions one-tenth of his salary. He had kept the pledge, and had learned that it is more blessed to give than to receive.

Adjourned until 7.45 P. M.

MONDAY EVENING

- (18) Evening session called to order at 7.45, President Thresher in the chair. Devotional exercises were led by Rev. Howard P. Whidden, of Ohio, and Rev. A. E. Waffle, of New York. Solo by Mr. Sellers.
- (19) Dr. Chivers announced the absence, on account of illness, of Rev. Antonio Mangano, of New York, who was expected to speak on the Italian work.
- (20) Rev. Arthur St. James, of Massachusetts, spoke on "Our Work among the French Canadians."

Singing.

- (21) Secretary Morehouse introduced three men who are under appointment as missionaries in Cuba and Porto Rico, as follows: Rev. Albert B. Howell, born and reared a Roman Catholic and familiar with Spanish, formerly our missionary in Mexico, whose field will be in eastern Cuba; Rev. Herbert W. Vodra, who will be associated with Rev. H. P. McCormick in Porto Rico; and Rev. Leroy E. Troyer, who will be with Rev. A. B. Rudd in the same island. Each spoke briefly and effectively of his call to this service and the joy of responding to it. Messrs. Vodra and Troyer were members of the last graduating class at Rochester.
- (22) Dr. Morehouse gave an address on "A Panoramic View of Events Pertaining to Our Work in Cuba and Porto Rico." He sketched the historical events since 1898, when out of chaos and conflict Cuba found emergence into liberty and peace, and Porto Rico presently shared in the results of liberation from priestly and political tyranny. Daybreak and deliverance meant opportunity for the Home Mission Society, and without delay it entered the open door, even calling the telegraph into requisi-

tion. The very month the Spanish army evacuated Cuba the advance troopers of the Baptist Church militant entered both islands. Exceptionally equipped, they were received gladly with open doors and hearts. Nine workers were on the field before the end of a year. The people generally are favorably disposed toward Americans, have imbibed something of the spirit of our free institutions, and when told by Baptist missionaries what we believe about soul liberty and separation of church and state, warm up to it cordially. The growth of the work was recounted, until at the end of five years there is a missionary force of 34 in both islands, 45 principal stations and 50 outstations, 1,400 members in our churches, 2,000 in the Sunday Schools; 11 meeting houses and other church properties worth \$78,000, and expansion going on at a rate that requires revision of figures every month. Facts were given showing more in detail the work as seen by the Secretary on his recent visit, and he closed with a vision of an expanding work calling for \$30,000 annually for missionary and incidental purposes, \$5,000 to \$10,000 for educational work, and \$70,000 for church edifice work in the near future. He urged that the vision be made reality by the sympathy, prayers and enlarged offerings of the Baptist constituency.

(23) Dr. Chivers announced the presence of Mrs. Troyer and Mrs. Vodra, wives of the missionaries under appointment, and both were called to the platform and introduced, making brief addresses that proved them admirable co-workers with their husbands.

Singing.

(24) Benediction by Rev. B. F. Patt, of Ohio. Adjourned until 10 A. M. Tuesday.

TUESDAY MORNING

Tuesday, May 24, the Society met pursuant to adjournment at 10 A. M., President Thresher in the chair.

Devotional exercises led by Rev. J. B. Thomas, of Illinois.

(26) Rev. C. H. Wheeler, of Massachusetts, introduced the following resolution, which was passed:

Resolved, That the constituency of the American Baptist Home Mission Society congratulate the Society upon the employment of Rev. Howard B. Grose, as Editorial Secretary; and that they commend him for the great improvement he has made in the form and contents of The Home Mission Monthly, and other literature of the Society; and that they believe it to be a wise expenditure of money, at a time when commercial enterprises are flooding the country with advertising literature that may be classed almost as works of art, for our missionary organizations to put forth literature of the most attractive sort, both in artistic form and in persuasive matter.

(27) Rev. F. T. Hazlewood, of Massachusetts, introduced the following resolution which was adopted:

Whereas, There is a general movement among the churches of the country in which we are deeply interested, and with which we are in warm sympathy, looking toward the protection of the sanctity of the marriage relation; and

Whereas, Our church polity being purely congregational, does not allow us to take action as some other bodies can, enjoining either our churches or ministers in this matter, yet desiring to place on record our united opinion and firm conviction,

Resolved, First, that the country ought to have a uniform law upon the subject of Divorce, based upon scriptural teaching; and second, the Christian ministers and Christian churches of all names ought to be at all times, and especially in these times, courageous and positive in their adherence to the instructions of the Scripture concerning the marriage telation.

(28) The Committee on Nominations reported the following nominations, and the Society elected the same by ballot:

President, Hon. W. S. Shallenberger, Washington, D. C.; Vice-Presidents, Andrew McLeish, Esq., Illinois; I. E. Gates, Esq., New York; Treasurer, Frank T. Moulton, Esq., New York; Auditors, Edgar L. Marston, Esq., New York; L. F. Requa, Esq., New York; Corresponding Secretary, Henry L. Morehouse, New York; Recording Secretary, Alvah S. Hobart, Pennsylvania; Managers (term expiring in 1907), L. H. Blackman, Esq., New York; D. L. Wilcox, Esq., New York; E. J. Brockett, Esq., East Orange, N. J.; C. R. Hetfield, Esq., Brooklyn, N. Y.; Rev. Alvah E. Knapp, New York; C. B. Canfield, Esq., New York; Gardner Colby, Esq., Orange, N. J.; to fill vacancies (term expiring in 1906), J. G. Affleck, Esq., Yonkers, N. Y.; Rev. C. D. Case, Brooklyn, N. Y.

(29) Secretary Morehouse reported an invitation from St. Louis for the meetings in 1905. This invitation was seconded by letter from Rev. J. M. Breaker, financial agent in Missouri, and by a telegram from E. W. Stevens, Esq., President of the Missouri State Convention.

It was also stated informally that an invitation from Portland had been sent. The matter of both invitations was referred to the Executive Committee.

- (30) Rev. J. H. Franklin, of Muscogee, Ind. Ter., spoke on "Our Homeless Churches."
- (31) Rev. Alexander Jackson, Secretary of the Cleveland Sabbath Union, was introduced and asked for our assistance in maintaining the sanctity of the American Sabbath.
- (32) Rev. M. W. Anderson, of Oklahoma, spoke on "The Development of the Southwest," and was followed by C. W. Brewer, Superintendent of our work in Oklahoma.
- (33) Rev. D. T. Denman, of Wisconsin, spoke on "The New Openings of the Northwest."
- (34) Rev. C. F. Hill, of California, spoke on "The Importance Religiously of the Pacific Coast."
- (35) Rev. Wilbur F. Crafts, Secretary of the International Reform Bureau, spoke briefly, asking our cooperation in the work of making the laws of the land conform to the will of Christ.

Benediction by Rev. J. S. Stump, of West Virginia.

(36) Adjourned until 2 P. M.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON

(37) Afternoon session called to order at 2 P. M., President Thresher in the chair.

Devotional exercises led by Rev. E. B. Caldwell, and Rev. A. B. Coats, of Ohio.

Solo by Mr. Sellers.

(38) Rev. W. A. Petzoldt, of Montana, spoke on "The New Mission to the Crows."

Singing, "The old, old story."

- (39) Secretary Chivers spoke on "Our Indian Missions." Singing, "More like Jesus."
- (40) Rev. Bruce Kinney, of Utah, spoke on "The Mormon Problem."

Rev. D. B. Cheney, of Indiana, introduced the following resolution which was adopted:

Whereas, The recent investigation at Washington has revealed the un-American and lawless attitude of the Mormon hierarchy; and

Whereas, The officers in Utah are either inert or powerless to enforce the laws against polygamy and polygamous cohabitation; be it therefore

Resolved, That we, as representatives of the American Baptist Home Mission Society in annual meeting assembled as a body, express our sincerest sympathy with all remedial missionary efforts now being put forth; be it further

Resolved, That we express our hope that the Smoot investigation may be most thorough, and that if sufficient grounds be found, Senator Smoot be removed from his seat:

Resolved, That we also petition Congress to take such action as may be proper, looking toward a constitutional amendment giving Congress law-making power in all matters pertaining to marriage and divorce;

Resolved, That copies of these resolutions be sent to Senator Burrows, Chairman of the Committee on Privileges and Elections of the United States.

- (41) The motion to adopt the report of the Board was taken from the table and adopted.
- (42) Voted, that any business unfinished or omitted be referred to the Executive Board with power.

Benediction by Secretary Barbour, of the Missionary Union.

(43) Adjourned until 7.45 this evening.

TUESDAY EVENING

(44) Tuesday evening at 7.45, session called to order by the President.

Devotional exercises led by Rev. Frank Sweet, of Michigan, and W. B. Pope, of Colorado.

(45) Rev. O. A. Williams moved, and the Society adopted, the following resolution:

The American Baptist Home Mission Society assembled in its annual meeting at Gleveland, records with sorrow the loss it has sustained in the death of Rev. Malcolm MacVicar, LL.D., for

many years Superintendent of the Society's educational work, and more recently President of Virginia University, and hereby tenders to his widow and children its sincere sympathy in their great affliction.

(46) Secretary Chivers moved, and the Society adopted, the following resolution:

Whereas, Reports received from Christian missionaries and other residents of the Congo State indicate that the people of that State are suffering from a cruel oppression for which the Government of that State apparently is responsible; and

Whereas, A memorial asking for an impartial investigation of conditions existing in the Congo State under the rule of the Congo Government is now under consideration by the Senate of the United States;

Resolved, That the American Baptist Home Mission Society expresses the hope that the Congress of the United States will take favorable action with reference to this memorial;

Resolved, That we express the hope that our Associations, and State Conventions held during the remainder of the present year will take this memorial into consideration, and that the members of our churches will call the attention of our members of Congress—both Senators and Representatives—to this important matter, and that the Corresponding Secretary of the American Baptist Home Mission Society be authorized to sign, on behalf of the Society, such petition as it may be deemed advisable to present in the matter.

- (47) Rev. C. A. Wooddy, of California, spoke of the evangelistic work in his field during the past year.
- (48) Rev. C. W. Brinstad, of Nebraska, addressed the Society on the subject of evangelism, and spoke about the work in Nebraska.
- (49) On motion of Rev. C. A. Eaton, the following brethren were introduced as bringing the fraternal greetings of the Ohio Christian Missionary Society now in session in Cleveland: Rev. S. B. Dean, of Hiram College; Rev. Elijah D. Jones, Rev. Alanson Wilcox.
- Rev. O. A. Williams, of Minnesota, spoke on evangelism in his field.
 - Rev. E. P. Hanley, of Ohio, replied on behalf of this Society

to the greetings of the Christian Missionary Society, and also expressed to the Society the farewell words of the Cleveland churches.

(50) The following resolution was voted:

Resolved, That we offer to the churches of this city, and especially to the Euclid Avenue Church, to the Committee of Arrangements and to the Ladies of the Church for their kindly courtesies, our most hearty thanks.

(51) Rev. C. A. Eaton spoke on "Evangelism the Supreme Motive of the Christian Life."

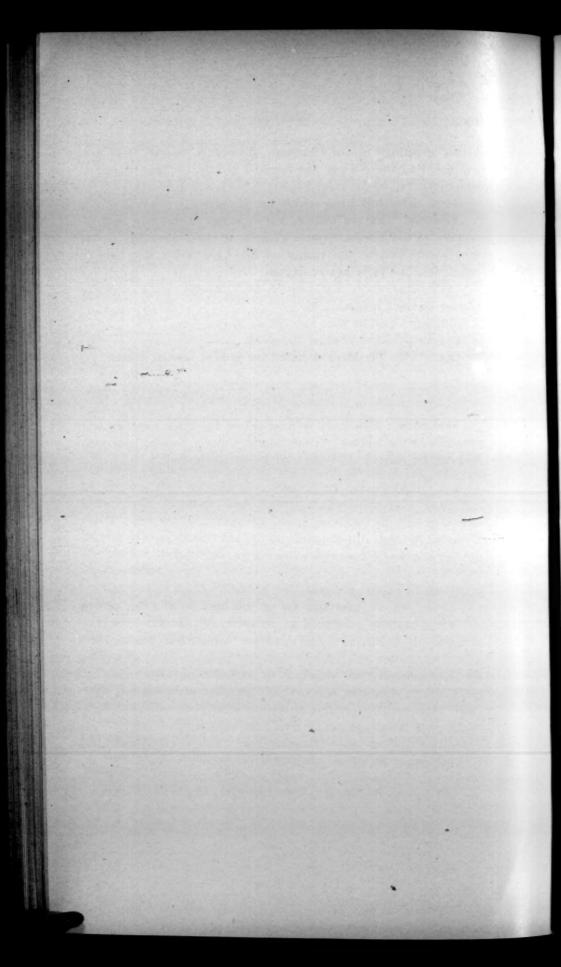
Singing, "God be with you till we meet again."

Prayer by Rev. William Ashmore.

(52) The President declared the annual session closed.

A. S. Hobart, Recording Secretary.

The annual missionary sermon before the three societies was preached in the Euclid Avenue Baptist Church, Sunday morning, May 22, by Rev. T. J. Villers, of Indianapolis, Ind.



THE SEVENTY-SECOND ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE

American Baptist Home Mission Society.

PRESENTED AT CLEVELAND, OHIO, MAY 23, 1904.

The Executive Board brings to the attention of the Society the year's record of work, which, on the whole, is the largest in its history—the most missionaries, the most nationalities in its field, the most schools with the largest enrollment, a large number of baptisms, the most church edifices erected within the last decade, and, except one year when extraordinary individual gifts were received for school buildings, the largest receipts in its history. With devout recognition of Divine favor and appreciation of the continued confidence and liberality of the large constituency of the Society, the Board herewith submits its seventy-second annual report.

OBITUARY.

With the note of gladness is mingled the note of sadness at the loss of valued, influential and almost life-long friends and supporters of the Society.

Hon. Chester W. Kingsley, of Cambridge, Mass., died January 1st, 1904, aged nearly eighty years, only one day after the death of his most estimable wife. Of sturdy New England stock, by indomitable industry and unflinching integrity he rose from poverty to affluence and from obscurity to positions of honor in his city and state and in our own denomination. He was the able and efficient President of this Society for three years from 1889-1892, was on some of its most important special committees, and was a cheerful and generous contributor to it as well as to other missionary and educational interests of the denomination. When a young man, with a small income, he scrupulously adopted the rule of giving as the Lord prospered him, praying "for a hand to get and a heart to give." His last large

gift to this Society, in anticipation of his end, was \$25,000. His twentieth century message to the Society, about the time of this gift, is worthy of reproduction here.

"I am glad you are 'planning large things for Home Missions for the twentieth century.' God has greatly blessed the work of the Society ever since it came into existence, sixty-nine years ago, and if I can read the signs of the times, and hear the mandate of Providence it all says, 'go forward,' enlarge and extend your work and its influence as far and as much as you possibly can. I hope the churches will awaken to the importance of your work, and furnish all the means necessary to carry it on more vigorously than ever. To this end we must all labor and pray. The only thing that can prosper our country, or any country, is to carry out the principles of the Christian religion."

He was a representative Christian business man of the highest type.

Hon. Francis Wayland, LL.D., died at his home in New Haven, Conn., after long and painful confinement, January 9th, 1904, in the seventy-sixth year of his age. He was graduated from Brown University, of which his distinguished father was President, in 1846; entered the legal profession, was Probate Judge in Connecticut eight years; was Lieutenant Governor of the State in 1869; in 1872 became professor in Yale University Law School and subsequently its dean. He took a lively interest in social and philanthropic reforms; was a keen observer and an incisive writer and speaker, his wisdom being spiced with ready wit. He was active in denominational affairs in his own state, and from 1886 until his death was a deeply interested member of the Executive Board of this Society and a frequent attendant at its annual meetings.

James B. Colgate, Esq., of Yonkers, N. Y., died February 6th, 1904, aged nearly eighty-six years. His honored father was the first Treasurer of this Society from 1832-1836 and a member of its Board until 1846, so that the son was nurtured in a missionary atmosphere. He was a stalwart Christian character, with positive convictions, a tower of strength to his church, a prince in his large gifts to Colgate University, and a generous supporter of our missionary organizations. To this Society he quietly gave \$40,000 about two years before his death with the injunction that no mention of it should be made while he lived; and he very

wisely directed that this sum should be expended in equal annual installments covering a period of eight years, the interest on the balances to accumulate for a ninth payment.

The death, in quick succession, of three such men conspicuous in our denominational life, creates in our ranks a great void which is not easily filled.

Rev. John T. Seely, who died at Pittsford, N. Y., in the ninetieth year of his age was a member of this Board from 1846-1852. He was deeply interested in all our denominational affairs and was eminently useful in his long service for the Master.

Chas. H. Dutcher, Esq., of Brooklyn, N. Y., passed away October 15th, 1903. He was a leader in denominational enterprises in that city; a member of this Board from 1886-1890; a delightful Christian gentleman in all relations of life.

Several appointees of the Society have fallen during the year. Mrs. Wm. Scott, of Missouri, who for several years had served the Society with great acceptance as a lecturer on behalf of the colored people, died quite unexpectedly at Detroit, Mich., June 9th, 1903. She was a striking illustration of the progress of many of her race from slavery up to high intellectual and religious attainments.

Rev. Reinhard Otto, for many years an esteemed and able missionary among the Germans, died in Detroit, Mich., October 18th, 1903, in the seventy-sixth year of his age, leaving two sons as his successors in the Gospel ministry.

Rev. L. L. Smith, General Missionary for Oklahoma Territory, died November 22, 1903. He was a most efficient masterbuilder in that new territory, whose wise management of affairs in the difficult period of the unification of our forces there, won for him the commendation and love of all.

Other laborers who have fallen in the service, are Rev. J. M. Jeffress, pastor of the Colored Baptist Church, Salt Lake City, Utah, October 16, 1903; Rev. Ernest Hallgren, of the Salem Swedish Church, Chicago, November 17, 1903; Rev. O. J. Johnson of the Swedish Church, Manchester, N. H., December 25, 1903; Rev. Valentine Forkel, in charge of the mission of the Second Baptist Church, Chicago, Ill., February 8, 1904. These all had wrought faithfully and well for the Master.

CHANGES IN THE BOARD.

In place of Judge Wayland, deceased, Wm. A. Grippin, Esq., of Bridgeport, Conn., was elected at the April meeting of the Board. At the same meeting with much regret and expression of esteem for their valued and faithful services the resignations of Rev. John Humpstone, D.D., and of J. Ashton Greene, Esq., were accepted; the former retiring solely out of consideration to his health, the latter for relief from burdens with advancing years. During his service of fourteen years as a member of the Board, and for many years as Chairman of its Finance Committee, Dea. Greene's interest in the Society's affairs has hardly been second to his interest in his own affairs, and in his scrupulous attention thereto he greatly endeared himself to his associates and the officers of the Society.

COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE.

Pres. W. H. P. Faunce, of Providence, R. I., and Rev. S. H. Greene, D.D., of Washington, D.C., have accepted the appointment made in December as members of the General Committee of Reference, in accordance with the recommendations of the Buffalo meeting. It was deemed proper also to say "that no action of the Committee concerning the fundamental work and policy of the Society shall be binding until the same shall have been passed upon by the Board or the Society." Inasmuch as the Society itself took no action concerning an amendment to its constitution to cover such appointments, and inasmuch as representative members of the Committee of Fifteen have freely declared that this is not essential, and inasmuch as it remains to be seen how long such a Committee will be required, if at all, your Board refrains from making any recommendation concerning such an amendment.

EDITORIAL SECRETARY.

Appropriate and attractive literature concerning the varied work of the Society is of great value in awakening and extending interest in its work. The preparation of such literature, including the editing of the Baptist Home Mission Monthly and

of the Society's department in Home Mission Echoes has devolved largely upon the principal Executive officer of the Society with some assistance from associates at the Rooms. The increasing magnitude and complexity of the Society's operations however made it well nigh impossible for the Corresponding Secretary, burdened with the duties of administration, to give timely and proper attention to such editorial work and the production of suitable literature for churches, Sunday Schools and Young People's Societies, and supplying the denominational papers with information about its work. Accordingly, after due consideration, the Board at its November meeting appointed Rev. Howard B. Grose as Editorial Secretary, to devote his time to these matters and to such other work as may be desirable and practicable. His recognized fitness for this position, by previous experience in editorial service, has already been shown in the contents and make-up of the Monthly, which ranks with the best of Missionary periodicals and is rapidly increasing its subscription list. The preparation of literature concerning the Society's work has been entrusted by the Board conjointly to the Corresponding Secretary, the Field Secretary and the Editorial Secretary.

CHANGE OF LOCATION.

It became necessary for the Board to relinquish on May 1, 1904, for other purposes the Rooms it had occupied for nine years at 111 Fifth Ave. It is now domiciled, for a period of three years at least, in a more satisfactory and convenient location, on the seventh floor of the new Metropolitan building, 312 Fourth Ave., corner of Twenty-third Street. Such changes in location, with consequent confusion in correspondence, are exceedingly undesirable. It would be highly advantageous if it were possible for the Society to have permanent headquarters of its own.

The question of the practicability of securing such headquarters not only for the Society, but for other missionary organizations in New York City, is under consideration by Committees representing several Societies, and the Baptist Pastors' Conference of New York City.

I.—FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

The grand total of the Society's receipts for all purposes, the past year, is \$635,395.77. The entire financial transactions, including amounts paid by Churches on the principal of their loans and the payments on account of mortgages for reinvestment, amount to about \$700,000.00.

The gains in receipts over those of last year have been as follows: (a) For General Purposes, from contributions, \$13,318.55; from legacies, \$45,005.72; (b) for Permanent Trust Fund, \$16,828.20; making an increase in contributions and legacies for these purposes of \$75,152.47 more than last year. Full particulars of receipts and expenditures are presented in the Treasurer's Report.

The Permanent Funds, the income of which is applicable for expenses of administration and for general purposes, amount to \$265,206.37; Permanent Funds for various educational purposes, \$292,036.53; Annuity Funds, \$493,429.11; Church Edifice Benevolent Trust Fund, of which the income only is used, \$158,508.20; Church Edifice Loan Fund, \$149,589.75; Conditional Fund, \$34,-382.97; making a total of these funds of \$1,393,152.93. Besides all this the Society has an interest in school properties amounting to about \$1,000,000.00. The magnitude of these financial matters and the multitude of details pertaining thereto, impose upon the Society a vast amount of work in the Treasurer's department. In order to safeguard, as far as possible, all these interests, a thorough audit of the accounts monthly and annually is made by an expert auditor whose reports are submitted at stated intervals to the Board.

RECEIPTS FOR GENERAL PURPOSES.

A Contributions	For 1902-3.	For 1903-4.
I. From Churches	\$113,366.22	\$114,829.23
2. From Sunday Schools	4,556.11	4,829.47
3. From Young People's Societies	2,318.19	2,260.62
4. From Individuals	81,152.85	87,566.69
5. From Co-operating Conventions	63,457.16	66,125.45
6. From Women's Societies	22,229.66	24,787.28
Total	\$287.080.10	\$300,308.74

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I. From Legacies		\$127,991.00
2. From Invested Funds	45,615.73	45,014.89
3. From Annuity Funds (donors deceased)	8,800.00	37,030.00
4. From Schools (net receipts)	1,099.39	875.45
5. From Publications		3,510.64
6. From Miscellaneous	5,766.69	2,392.56
Total	\$147,224.41	\$216,814.63
Grand Total	\$434,304.60	\$517,213.37

FINANCIAL SURVEY.

Early in the year systematic measures were adopted, through the cooperation of the District Secretaries, to secure an increase of about ten per cent. in the offerings from the churches. In many instances very gratifying success attended the effort. But in most of the larger city churches there has been no advance. The great shrinkage in values of corporate securities may in a measure account for this; though the almost unprecedented succession of storms on the Sundays in which the bulk of offerings is usually made is doubtless a partial explanation. It is due to the District Secretaries to say that they have never done more faithful work than during the past year. And yet the total increase in contributions from the churches was only about \$1,500.

It is a striking fact that receipts from legacies, for the general purposes of the Society, were considerably in excess of the contributions of the churches, apart from receipts from coöperating Conventions; though about \$74,000 less than these and individual gifts combined. Indeed, the legacies, amounting to \$127,991.09 were much larger than the average, being \$45,445.72 more than last year. Then, too, annuity funds released by decease of donors were \$28,950 in excess of last year. It will be seen therefore how perilously near an embarrassing deficiency the Society was without these special and tooa considerable extent uncalculated and incalculable resources from those who have passed away. There is no reasonable expectation of receiving as much from such sources the coming year. Hence, the necessity for larger offerings from the living if the work entrusted to us is to be properly done. The need of this is all the greater because of necessary enlargement, particularly in the promising

fields of Cuba and Porto Rico, as well as among our immigrant populations.

There was an increase in the year's expenditures for general and special purposes of \$63,644.50 over those of last year. Of the foregoing increase it should be stated that \$16,238.94 was in the Missionary Department; a considerable portion of the remainder being met by funds designated for special purposes, such as the erection of buildings and improvement of school properties. Well-grounded apprehensions were entertained in January of a deficit of at least \$45,000; happily, in ways above indicated, as well as by some larger personal gifts, the receipts of the year were sufficient to meet all its current obligations and to effect a reduction of last year's deficit from \$27,885.48 to \$21,772.24.

It has been deemed advisable to divide the large district which for several years had been efficiently cultivated by Rev. D. D. Proper, giving him Iowa, Nebraska, Colorado and Wyoming; and putting Kansas, Indian and Oklahoma Territories and New Mexico into a separate district known as the Southwestern District in charge of Rev. J. H. Franklin who was appointed in November and entered upon his duties Feb. 1st.

The following table gives the districts and the names and addresses of the Secretaries:

- 1. New England.—F. T. Hazlewood, D.D., Tremont Temple, Boston, Mass.
- 2. New York.—Samuel McBride, D.D., 312 Fourth Avenue, New York City.
- 3. Рикарегрија.—Е. В. Palmer, D.D., 1420 Chestnut street, Philadel-phia, Pa.
 - 4. LAKE.-E. H. E. Jameson, D.D., 106 Smith avenue, Detroit, Mich.
 - 5. WABASH.—Rev. S. C. Fulmer, 1722 Ruckle street, Indianapolis, Ind.
- 6. CHICAGO.—J. B. Thomas, D.D., Monon Building, 324 Dearborn street, Chicago, Ill.
- 7. UPPER MISSISSIPPI.—O. A. Williams, D.D., 702 Lumber Exchange, Minneapolis, Minn.
 - 8. CENTRAL.—Rev. D. D. Proper, 1190 Eleventh street, Des Moines, Ia.
 - 9. Southwestern.—Rev. James H. Franklin, Muskogee, I. T.
- 10. PACIFIC.—C. A. Wooddy, D.D., 302 Goodnough Building, Portland, Ore.
 - 11. KANAWHA.—Rev. John S. Stump, Parkersburg, W. Va.
- 12. MISSOURI.—Manly J. Breaker, D.D., St. Louis, Mo., Financial Agent for Home and Foreign Mission Work of Baptists, both North and South.

NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT.

FRANCIS T. HAZLEWOOD, D.D., DISTRICT SECRETARY.

I have the honor to report for another year, as District Secretary for New England of the American Baptist Home Mission Society. The previous year the dominant factor in the contributions was the giving of the living; this year it has been the giving of the dead. We report, as received from legacies the year just closed, \$73,542.78, as against \$57,104.66 the preceding year.

From our constituency the past year death has taken from us not a few of the faithful supporters of missions, so that the individual gifts have fallen behind in marked manner; indeed, the past few years have shown a great loss in this respect to our Society. The generation that is fast disappearing has been noted for its interest in our great denominational enterprises, which have for their specific object the promotion of the preaching of the Gospel throughout the world. The men and women of this generation grew up with few appeals to divert them from this one purpose, but the men and women who are now coming to the places of the former generation have been brought into affiliation with a larger number of worthy objects, all appealing for financial support and, as a consequence, the benevolent offerings of the modern philanthropist find a wider classification and distribution. The men and women of the present generation are probably not giving less than their fathers, but they are giving to a great many more objects.

The year has had its difficulties, as have the years preceding, some of them due to the exceptionally stormy and cold winter. Snow drifts, zero temperature, icy walking have kept the people from the church, and lessened the contribution; some due to changes in the pastorate. The old pastor goes out, after bringing his church to systematic giving, and the new pastor coming in, without knowledge in some cases of our missionary work, or special interest in it, allows the collection to go by default. I have seen a church that had been regular in its giving for years, because its pastor thought this a part of his ministry, to educate his people to give for the extension of the Redeemer's kingdom, on the departure of its pastor and the settlement of another, who knew little of our great denominational enterprises, cease to give; and I have seen the church from which this missionary pastor came to his new settlement, on the advent of another minister, a man alive and responsive to missionary work, begin to give to missions in a most surprising manner.

More and more the years convince me that one of the greatest needs in our Theological institutions is instruction along the line of missions, not in the abstract but in the concrete, as to what are our denominational missions? What are the Societies that have them in charge? Where are they located? Who are their officers? What are the differences between the General Societies and the Women's Societies? What is the work they are doing? How much money do they need? How shall it be collected? When and to whom shall this money be sent? Every agent of the Societies can

tell of the general lack of information along these lines among the members of the churches and even among the ministers. During the past year the contributions have failed to come in from some churches, not because the people had no money to give, not because they were not responsive to the claims of missions, but because they did not have a chance to give. In some cases individual givers have sent in their money to the Societies directly because they could not get a chance to give by the contribution box.

Before submitting the table of statistics, I wish to thank the many pastors and brethren and sisters and friends everywhere for the courtesies received, and the efforts made to give to the work of the District Secretary the greatest success.

States.	Churches. Sunday Schools,		Y. P. Societies.	Individ- uals.	Women's Societies.	Total Do- nations.	Legacies.	Total Receipts.
Maine	\$2,150 95 1,044 41 885 74 15,972 33 2,802 29 3,312 66	\$103 46 14 89 27 68 686 75 121 22 77 14	\$76 26 38 00 8 00 417 74 51 90 73 86	\$12 81 546 00 1,514 00 4,748 11 263 00 722 00		\$3,611 67 1,643 30 2,435 42 21,824 93 3,238 41 4,185 66	\$20 00 361 69 7.837 44 58,708 90 3,891 33 2,723 42	10,272 86 80,533 83 7,129 74
Totals, 1903-4	\$26,168 38 29,312 64			\$9.074 11 17,892 95		\$36,939 39 48,788 00	\$73,542 78 57,104 66	\$110,482 17 105,892 66
Increase		\$166 35					\$16,438 12	\$4.589 51
Decrease	\$3,144 26		\$51 86	\$8,818 84		\$11,848 61		
Number contrib- uting in 1903-4- In 1902-3	618	76 48	81 48	116 65			43 8	
Increase	61	28	33	51			35	
Decrease								

Included in the above are \$3,000 Annuities, and \$1,000 for Permanent Fund from legacy. Of contributing churches 121 were in Maine, 55 in New Hampshire, 50 in Vermont, 256 in Massachusetts, 45 in Rhode Island, 91 in Connecticut.

NEW YORK DISTRICT: NEW YORK AND NORTHERN NEW JERSEY.

SAMUEL MCBRIDE, D.D., NEW YORK, DISTRICT SECRETARY.

The year just closed has been one of constant interest, missionary effort, and earnest prayer. At its beginning I resolved, if possible, to bring every pastor and every church in my district into practical sympathy with the Society, and by personal contact or letter, to impress upon them the magnitude and importance of the work it is doing. The task has

been more difficult than I supposed, and I have to confess to a great disappointment at my inability to reach my ideal.

During the year I have delivered 170 sermons and addresses, and have appealed to pastors and people at associational meetings, as well as in the Churches and Sunday Schools, for enlarged offerings to meet the ever increasing demands of our work. Many of them have responded nobly to the appeal, and have increased their offerings from 10 to 20 per cent., while others, for some unknown reason, have treated the claims of the Society, which are the claims of God and our beloved country, with indifference or neglect.

The total amount received has been \$168,042.90. There has been a gain of \$2,500.53 in the State of New York, but a decrease in Northern New Jersey, chiefly in legacies.

The decrease in offerings from the churches is due to the failure of some of the large churches in New York and Brooklyn to give as largely as they have done in past years. And this may be accounted for in part by the decline of values in securities, or by the exceptionally stormy Sundays this winter, or the removal by death of some prominent men. The tardiness of certain church treasurers has had something to do with it, for had the amounts received a day or two after the books closed been sent in on time, I would have been able to report an increase from every source except legacies. Perhaps I ought to state also, that some liberal contributors to our work who formerly gave through their respective churches, now send their offerings direct to headquarters.

States.	Churches.	Sunday Schools.	Y. P. Societies.	Individ- uals.	Women's Societies.	Total Do- nations.	Legacies.	Total Receipts.
New York New Jersey	\$24,836 40 4,872 84	\$1,052 62 276 36	\$382 81 82 31	\$114,786 11 6,842 78	\$199 41	\$141,257 35 12,074 29	\$12,917 02 1,794 24	\$154,174 37 13,868 53
Totals,		1000				\$153.331 64 147,502 86		
Increase		\$45 70	\$66 02	\$4,452 72		\$5.828 78		
Decrease	\$1,716 26				\$14 90		\$4,646 11	\$1,812 87
Number contributing in g in 1903-4	516	85 84	61 59	91 80	5 7		16	
Increase		1	2	11				
Decrease	10				2		3	

There has been considerable evangelistic activity in my district during the year, and I have done all I possibly could to cultivate it. In a number of churches I have conducted special meetings with marked and blessed results, in the renewed devotion of God's people and the conversion of souls. Pastors and people have begun to realize that if North America is ever to be won to Christ it must be done largely through evangelistic effort. As New York is the door through which the in-rushing throngs from all parts of the world enter, and as about 150,000 of these people of diverse alien races nave settled in New Jersey in the last four years, our people are beginning to see what the demoralizing effect on our country will be if they are not reached by the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

PHILADELPHIA DISTRICT: PENNSYLVANIA, SOUTHERN NEW JERSEY, DELAWARE, MARYLAND, AND DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

E. B. PALMER, D.D., PHILADELPHIA, DISTRICT SECRETARY.

The year has been marked by the largest receipts in the last twenty years. This is due principally to the amount received from legacies, but the offerings from churches, Sunday Schools and Young People's Societies have increased also. This result has come, in part at least, by the interest awakened in special objects. The visit of Dr. H. R. Moseley created a deep and abiding impression as to our Cuban work. He spent the entire Summer in this District and his addresses at Associations and in the churches were listened to with unusual attention. His quest for an additional worker was rewarded by the Rev. Thomas H. Sprague's offering himself for this service. He was pastor of the Chester Avenue Church, Philadelphia, and greatly beloved by his congregation. On the eve of his departure for Cuba, the Young People of Philadelphia had a Farewell service in the Fifth Baptist Church. The enthusiasm was such that the representatives of the various Societies pledged more than enough to meet his salary. I wish to express on behalf of the Society to one and all who contributed to this gratifying result, most hearty thanks. Special credit is due to Mr. Alan Craig Cunningham for his efficient and generous assistance in stimulating and sustaining this movement. The interest is such that the present outlook gives promise that when Mr. Sprague needs a chapel the Young People of Philadelphia will be able to erect it for him. The 30th of November last will, I believe, mark a new era in the relation of our Young People to the Home Mission Society. The consecration of Mr. Sprague to the cause of missions in Cuba has furnished what heretofore has been wanting, namely, special objects of beneficence. Whatever may be desirable theoretically, taking people as they are, they are reached most effectively by some definite object for which appeal may be made. This has long been my conviction. The First Church in Washington, Pa., aided by the other churches in that city, has erected a Memorial Chapel in Cristo to the Rev. Stephen Drummond, whose long service as pastor greatly endeared him to the church and community.

The total receipts for the year are \$52,967.09. The following exhibit shows the sources from which this has come:

States.	Churches. Sunday Schools.		Y. P. Societies.		Individ- uals.		Women's Societies.		Total Do- nations.		Legacies.		Total Receipts.			
Pennsylvania New Jersey Delaware Maryland District of Co- lumbia	2,276 363 13	49 01 50	57	52	59	72 48	63 5	00			434 49 13 50	3	12,781	02	17,968 434 13	25 49 50
Totals, 1903-4	\$17,088	80 76	\$713 495			73 48	\$6,181 6 7,404	00	\$181 80	0	\$24,631 3l 25,335 4.	8 3	\$28,346 4,400	21 25	\$52,967 29,825	09
Increase	\$61	14	\$218	05	\$152	25			\$78 8	0			\$23,945	96	\$23,141	40
Decrease							\$1,223	20			\$704 0	5				
Number contributing in 1903-4	540		68 46		43 26		54 64		6					-		=
Increase	7		22		17				2							
Decrease					,		10									

^{*} The decrease is due chiefly to the fact that the churches in the Association in Pennsylvania have not contributed this year to Delaware work.

It will be seen from the above that the contributions, exclusive of legacies, have been larger than the years previous.

The cause of missions is taking a deeper hold upon our church membership. Pastors are giving more practical attention to the subject. In the churches where weekly offerings are made, and in those that have adopted some systematic plan the contributions have greatly enlarged. When this shall have become general, and every church and every member in the church seeks conscientiously to honor the Lord with his substance, a great advancement will be possible in our mission fields. Unfortunately at the present time there is a large number of non-contributing members in nearly every church where regular offerings are made, and far too many churches that do not contribute at all. The District Secretary has been endeavoring through the years past to bring every church into the ranks of the givers. While this result is far from being attained, it is a gratification to know that there is in this district a smaller number of non-contributing churches to Home Missions than to any other of our stated objects of benevolence.

Two missionaries are working among the Slavs in this State-Rev.

L. L. Zboray in the coal regions, with Pittston as a centre, and the Rev. Mathias Steucsek in Pittsburg and vicinity, where the work is making most gratifying progress. There is a large Slavic population in the State. Among these, as among the Italians, there is a great field, and a failure to vigorously enter it, for which the Home Mission Society is not responsible, is greatly to be deplored.

THE LAKE DISTRICT: MICHIGAN AND OHIO.

E. H. E. JAMESON, D.D., DETROIT, MICH., DISTRICT SECRETARY.

The work in this district during the past year has resulted in a gratifying increase of the amount of money contributed to Home Missions by the churches and by a larger number of churches, but the Sunday Schools and Young People's Societies have not given quite as much as in the previous year. It should be stated, however, that while some Sunday Schools are not represented by definite contributions, they give to our cause through their churches as church members. This is true also of the Young People's Societies. The Secretary has noticed for a year or two the tendency of the larger churches to a training of their young members in benevolence and systematic giving. If this is followed up wisely, there is no doubt that increased offerings to missions will be the result. I find it profitable, however, to encourage the young people, both in the Sunday Schools and in their Societies, to take up special objects for their contributions occasionally. It creates enthusiasm and draws them closer to missions and the missionaries.

The past year has been one of Spiritual quickening among the churches, both in Michigan and Ohio. The evangelistic movement suggested by the denomination at the Anniversaries a year ago has been well heeded by many churches and local organizations to carry forward this work have been formed, especially in Ohio. The result has been a spread of the evangelistic spirit and a keener perception of Christian duty in giving money to support missions both at home and abroad. The question of how to awaken a greater interest in missions is being answered by the effects that follow a true evangelism, that is, less worldliness in the churches and more spirituality, or a greater consecration, and then gifts will be laid on God's altar sufficient to sustain all missions.

Notwithstanding a severe illness during September and October which prevented field work entirely I have kept up the duties coming to me from month to month, reaching the churches by correspondence when I could not do so personally. The Associational Secretaries in Ohio and the Special Board in Michigan have rendered valuable assistance in writing to the churches and sometimes in visiting associations and churches. I cannot forget the kind expressions of sympathy and concern which came from many places during my trying illness.

The churches in my district aided by the Home Mission Society the past year, have been for the most part among the foreigners in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, though several English speaking new churches in Detroit have been fostered in coöperation with the City Mission Society

of that city. It is gratifying to think of the fifteen Swede churches in Upper Michigan that have been helped into life and activity, and of the English churches now quite vigorous that would have gone down had not the Society put under them its strong helping hand. The Polish-Bohemian Mission, begun in Detroit a few years ago under doubtful circumstances, and carried on against adverse influences, has at length become quite firmly established and is now an organized church.

My work for the year may be represented by the following figures: 10,574 miles traveled; 48 sermons preached; 67 addresses delivered; 10 associations attended; 36 prayer meetings attended; 30 public meetings; 60 churches visited, and 2,552 letters and postal cards written.

With health and strength regained and relying on the Good Father who has kept and guided me thus far, I commence the fifteenth year of service for our beloved Society.

States.	Churches.	Sunday Schools.	Y. P. Societies.	Individ- uals.	Women's Societies.	Total Do- nations.	Legacies.	Total Receipts.
Michigan Ohio	\$3,542 98 9,585 59		\$148 34 257 72	\$195 72 749 42	\$506 00 656 30		\$874 55 2,242 77	
Totals, 1903-4 1902-3				\$996 64 973 77		\$15,883 2) 11,974 13		\$19,000 53 13,169 35
Increase	\$3.731 78		\$71 41	\$12 87	\$210 38	\$3.909 08	\$1,922 10	\$5,831 18
Decrease		\$127 44						
Number con- tributing in		57	50				,	,
In 1902-3		50	39					
Increase	21	7	11					

WABASH DISTRICT: INDIANA AND SOUTHERN ILLINOIS. REV. SCHUYLER C. FULMER, INDIANAPOLIS, IND., DISTRICT SECRETARY.

The work during the past year has moved along the regular lines of activity and organization outlined in my previous reports. I have made a special point of securing a local correspondent in each church visited, if I did not already have one; then, too, I made this matter of selecting correspondents an important part of my work at the associational meetings. I now have a large number of these correspondents and intend to push along this line until I secure as nearly as may be one in each church. There are 1,200 churches in this district. My corps of Associational Secretaries has also been maintained.

I wish to express here and in this public way, my sincere thanks to the pastors of the churches for their hearty cooperation and loving sympathy in my work. The State Managing Committee of Home Missions in Indiana, the Associational Secretaries of the whole District, and the Correspondents in the churches have all rendered faithful and very helpful service, which I highly appreciate. Home Mission Notes have been kept running in two of the denominational papers most of the time. This work has been done by Associational Secretaries selected for the purpose, each taking a month for furnishing these notes.

While the Society has not helped in a financial way in this District, the movement in regard to evangelism has been felt. Indiana has had a State evangelist under the employ of the State Board since the last Convention, who has done most excellent service. Two or more conferences on evangelism have been held in Illinois, and many revival meetings and large numbers of converts have been reported from many churches in all parts of the District.

The following table will show that there has been an increase in the offerings from the churches, Sunday Schools, and Young People's Societies of both States. This is encouraging as we must look to these sources for our most permanent income. One of the personal gifts was for \$2,500 for the permanent trust fund from Mrs. Milton Shirk in memory of and in accordance with the wishes of her deceased husband. Another gift of between six and seven hundred dollars was from Jonathan L. Allen who has done generous things for the Society in the past.

States.	Churches.	Sunday Schools.	Y. P. Societies.	Individ- uals.	Women's Societies.	Total Do- nations.	Legacies.	Total Receipts.
Indiana	\$3.389 25 1,937 11			\$3.723 18 383 00	\$10 00	\$7,364 73 2,533 99	\$485 00	\$7,364 73 3,018 99
Totals, 1903-4	\$5,326 36 4,764 91							\$10,383 72 7,727 26
Increase	\$561 45	\$118 09	\$ 49 00	\$1,436 77	\$6 15	\$2,171 46	\$485 00	\$2,656 46
Decrease								
Number contrib- uting in 1903-4 . In 1902-3	630 590	42 31	43	149 166	I 2		· I	
Increase	40	11	12				ı	
Decrease				17	1			

Note:—Of the individual contributions this year \$2,500.00 is for Permanent Trust Fund, and \$50.00 is on Annuity Plan.

My personal work is partially represented by the following: Addresses made, 124; sermons preached, 38; prayer meetings attended, 17; other meetings attended, 31; churches visited, 69; Sunday Schools visited, 30, and young people's societies, 13; associational meetings attended, personally, 31, and by proxy, 28; attended four State Conventions and was present at the May Anniversaries at Buffalo; letters written, 1,325; postals written, 467; mimeograph letters, 786; printed letters, 1,156; miles traveled, 14,942; annual reports of the Society distributed, 189; copies of The Home Mission Monthly given away, 866; pages of literature distributed, 197,901; mite boxes sent out, 458; personal calls made, 71; personal visits made, 109; new subscribers to The Monthly secured, 160; renewals to The Monthly taken, 120.

CHICAGO DISTRICT: NORTHERN ILLINOIS AND WISCONSIN. JUDSON B. THOMAS, D.D., CHICAGO, ILL., DISTRICT SECRETARY.

The table which follows notes a gain in donations during the past year, though a decrease in legacies and annuities. A large number of churches have for some reason held back collections which have already been taken. Payments of pledges have been unusually slow. As the cost of living increases, the readiness of giving decreases. However, we thank the Lord for the noble band of devoted and intelligent Christians who are interested in the advance of the Master's Kingdom.

States.	Churches.	Sunday Schools.	Y. P. Societies.	Individ- uals.	Women's Societies.	Total Do- nations.	Legacies.	Total Receipts.
Wisconsin Northern Illinois	\$1,727 72 9,657 03	\$53 95 150 30	\$16 o5 86 39	\$59 00 1,125 50			\$2,660 70 4.351 80	\$4,565_42 15,488_02
Totals, 1903-4	\$11,379 75 8,631 38	\$204 25 200 94	\$102 44 146 37	\$1,184 50 1,661 90				\$20,053 44 21,694 70
Increase	\$2,748 37	\$3 31						
Decrease			\$43 93	\$477 40	58		\$2,977 03	\$1,641 26
Number contrib- uting in 1903-4. In 1902-3	309 299	23 26	20 14	28 48	8 8		7 7	
Increase	10		6					
Decrease		3		20				

Annuity \$100.00.

It is a long and difficult task to get churches so habituated to any system of giving that there will be little interruption between pastorates.

But not only do pastors move, people move as well. The membership of the churches is rapidly and constantly changing. New leaders in church work are continually coming into the local organization, bringing new life to be sure, but new methods as well. There are few churches but that radically change their membership every few years. This is a hopeful feature, though it breaks into consecutive work.

Cooperation with the Illinois Swedish Conference continues. Our Scandinavian brethren are seeking to keep pace with the incoming population. They have a live and conservative missionary in the field who is doing a splendid work.

The five-year period of cooperation with the City Mission Society terminated October, 1903. The work has assumed such proportions as to make continued cooperation desirable. One of the greatest victories of the year has been the permanent establishing of our Norwegian work in new and sufficient quarters. This work has dragged heavily for years, and seemed disastrously nearing death, but with an elegant new home, all provided for, it should now make rapid and solid progress.

The year has been one of advance among our Finnish brethren. The Finnish Baptist Union of America was organized in Chicago, March, 1901. It began with 14 members. It now numbers 200. Last year a Finnish church was organized in Duluth, and this past year one in Chicago. The pastor on this field gives a part of his time to instruction in the Finnish language in our Scandinavian Seminary in Morgan Park. The national movement among the Finns is of special interest in that it has been inaugurated, and is being carried on by young men, some of whom are still students, and working their way through the schools. They are literally consumed by a zeal for their own countrymen.

One of the noted events of the year was an extended missionary trip among the Blanket Indians and among our schools in the South. This personal view of the work along the picket lines gives information and inspiration which is quite essential to the greatest influence of the District Secretary.

In facing a new year of opportunity and of service, I look forward with delight and blessed anticipation to the continued fellowship with the leaders in the work of Jesus Christ, and with the largest gratitude for the honor of being a workman with them and with Him.

UPPER MISSISSIPPI DISTRICT: MINNESOTA, NORTH AND SOUTH DAKOTA.

O. A. WILLIAMS, D.D., MINNEAPOLIS, MINN., DISTRICT SECRETARY.

The aim of the District Secretary throughout the year has been to call the attention of all the churches in this district to the importance, the needs, and the manifold character of the great work carried on through the agency of the American Baptist Home Mission Society in every part of its extensive field of operation, and to secure as far as possible offerings from all the churches and from individuals. To accomplish this pur-

pose, literature bearing upon the subject was repeatedly sent to all the churches. He visited and presented the work in person to as many of the churches as he could reach during the year. At Christmas time appeals for offerings were sent to all the Sunday Schools. The work of the Secretary was well supplemented by the willing service of the Associational Secretaries. The aggregate amount contributed is doubtless due in a measure to the assistance of the Associational Secretaries.

It is to be deeply regretted that so large a percentage of the churches manifest so little interest in the larger work of Home Missions. This is probably to be accounted for in part by the confusion that still exists in the minds of many respecting the offerings made for State Convention work and for the larger work of the Society, especially in these coöperating States. But it is to be accounted for chiefly, because there are pastors and many churches that are so engrossed with local matters as to give little or no thought to the larger work outside. The work of the Secretary is, therefore, to a large extent educative. Intelligence awakens interest, and interest prompts sacrifice.

The results of the year are as follows:

States.	Churches.	Sunday Schools.	Y. P. Societies.	Individ- uals.	Women's Societies.	Total Do- nations.	Legacies.	Total Receipts.
Minnesota South Dakota North Dakota	\$2,438 35 519 25 210 88	16 16		7 00	\$36 00	\$2,622 15 552 16 216 93		1,222 91
Totals, 1903-4	\$3.168 48 2,701 51			\$98 55 319 82			\$1025 00	
Increase	\$456 97	\$33 78	\$19 74		\$26 00	\$325 32	\$1025 00	\$1,350 32
Decrease				\$221 27				
Number contribut- ing in 1903-4 In 1902-3	186 180	11. 7	8 2	10	5 2			
Increase	6	4	6	9	3			
Decrease								

Church Edifice Fund Legacy, \$750.00.

CENTRAL DISTRICT: IOWA, NEBRASKA, COLORADO, AND WYOMING.
REV. D. D. PROPER, DES MOINES, IOWA, DISTRICT SECRETARY.

During the year some changes have taken place. Beginning February 1st, Kansas, Oklahoma and Indian Territory were taken from "Central District" to form the new Southwestern District with Rev. J. H. Franklin as District Secretary. The present "Central District" comprises Iowa,

Nebraska, Colorado and Wyoming. In this District there are 65 Associations, 800 churches, and 67,597 members. This is about one-half as many members, and not half as many churches as reported for last year. A division of the former District was necessary in order to the most effective cultivation of the field.

For the first ten months of the year I labored in the old District before its division, but this report only includes the financial results of the present District.

I am thankful to be able to report that the results of the year are very encouraging, and in some respects the best we have ever had. The receipts show a sum total of more than twice as much as was ever received before the District was divided. This is due to an increase in legacies, and especially the large one of Brother J. V. Hinchman of Glenwood, Iowa, who left \$25,000 to the Society. There is also an increase in the amount from other legacies. It is encouraging to find that brethren and sisters in the West, who have accumulated competences, are remembering the Lord's work in their wills. It is strange that so many in remembering their friends with bequests, forget their best Friend and His cause.

The number of churches contributing this year is about equal to last year with a possible gain of one. It is a matter for gratitude that the offerings in the churches have about equaled those of last year, which was high water mark in this District. In only one feature of the collections has there been a serious falling off, and this was in the case of two individual offerings, one of which was the purchase of a \$1,000 annuity bond, and the other a gift of \$800. These were outside of regular church giving, and exceptional cases of uncertain recurrence.

States.	Churches.	Sunday Schools.	Y. P. Societies.	Individ- uals.	Women's Societies.	Total Do- nations.	Legacies.	Total Receipts.
Iowa Nebraska Colorado Wyoming	\$4,624 45 1,443 29 2,059 29 76 95	\$378 23 115 59 98 65 17 15	\$59 45 10 00 7 50	\$450 00 457 00 80 00	\$31 80 15 00 38 30	2,283 74		
Totals, 1904	\$8,203 98 7,925 04	\$609 62 696 42	\$76 95 106 72	\$987 00 2,909 80	\$85 10 93 17		\$26,222 34 1,498 50	\$36,184 99 13,229 65
Increase	\$278 94						\$24,723 84	\$22,995 34
Decrease		86 80	29 77	\$1,922 80	8 07	\$1,768 50		
Number contributing in 1903-4	418 413	122			10 8			
Increase	5				2	()		
Decrease		7				1		

The "Financial Exhibit" will show the number of churches and auxiliary organizations contributing in each of the States, with a summary of increase and decrease. An analysis of the receipts shows that 174 churches gave more, and 150 less than for the year before.

Owing to a comparative failure of the corn crop in Iowa for two years in succession, there has been a little falling off in the contributions from last year in this the oldest and best State in the district for offerings. In both Nebraska and Colorado there has been a small increase in contributions. As Wyoming has only been in my district for a few weeks, I have only visited one church in that State.

For the first eight months of the year Mrs. E. G. Wheeler assisted the Secretary in Iowa, as a "Special Representative" of the Society, and rendered acceptable and efficient service. As her health was not sufficient to endure the rigors of another Iowa winter, in December she went with her mother to southern California. She will always be pleasantly remembered for her work in Iowa.

The following is a summary of my work for the year: Visits to churches 121; to Sunday Schools 41; Associations and Conventions attended 32; other general meetings and Missionary Conferences attended 6; sermons preached 104; addresses given 80; letters written 3,506; postal cards 430; mimeograph letters sent 2,061; printed documents distributed 68,400; articles written for the press 25; secured 39 subscribers for The Home Mission Monthly; miles traveled 44,000.

In most of the Associations Secretaries have been appointed to assist the Secretary, and the great majority are rendering acceptable service, which is very much appreciated. There has been a very hearty coöperation on the part of most of the pastors in the district, for which we are profoundly grateful.

SOUTHWESTERN DISTRICT: KANSAS, OKLAHOMA, INDIAN TERRITORY, AND NEW MEXICO.

REV. JAMES H. FRANKLIN, MUSKOGEE, I. T., DISTRICT SECRETARY.

The Southwestern is the youngest of all the districts cultivated by the American Baptist Home Mission Society. It was created only two months before the close of the Society's last fiscal year, and is composed of Kansas, Oklahoma, Indian Territory and New Mexico. Prior to February 1, 1904, Kansas, Oklahoma and Indian Territory were included in the Central District. Therefore the results for the year just ended are due in large measure to the efforts of Secretary D. D. Proper, of the Central District, and in very small measure to the efforts of the present secretary.

My report is necessarily fragmentary. The two months' service as secretary has been given largely to obtaining acquaintance with the situation in my field. Personal contact is necessary to an understanding of the conditions existing in the Southwest, where the large number of the churches are young and weak, and where in well-nigh every church such great variety of views is held with reference to mission work and church

polity. Into a large number of the Baptist churches of the growing Southwest have come many members from adjacent territory, where perpetual war has been waged on the organized mission work. It can be seen at a glance that there are problems to be solved and that much time and energy will be required in obtaining the knowledge essential to intelligent effort as District Secretary.

In Kansas there has been an increase of offerings amounting to \$160.57. From this State come two-thirds and more of the offerings from the Southwestern District. This is due not so much to the larger number of Baptists, but to the more settled social and commercial life, and to larger acquaintance with the work of the Society.

In Indian Territory no plan of systematic beneficence has been widely adopted. Now, however, a movement is well under way for the introduction of the "wheel plan." Heretofore secretaries and churches have been embarrassed by multiplicity of offerings at close of fiscal year-the result of having no plan for the territory as a whole. A recommendation from a largely attended Baptist workers' conference is noteworthy. It looks to an equal division of Home Mission offerings between the American Baptist Home Mission Society and the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. Similar action has been taken by the Oklahoma Baptist Territorial Board. This is in harmony with the desire of the Society and its secretary. The Society's attitude has been most generous. It has had the privilege of investing the very much larger sum of money in the Baptist work of these territories, but it believes that a division of offerings will remove an occasion of friction and result in the higher development of the churches and in the enlargement of their efforts. Movements in both territories are headed in the right direction. In Oklahoma the "wheel plan" has been started, though not widely adopted yet.

The need of educational work is illustrated by the following figures: Of the several hundred Baptist churches in Indian Territory, only about thirty-one contributed to the work of the Society last fiscal year. Of the Oklahoma Baptist churches, numbering over two hundred, only forty-six contributed.

Concerning New Mexico, the secretary is encouraged and hopes for the development of substantial interest at an early day. Weakest in point of numbers, it leads the Southwestern District in per capita offerings to Home Missions.

It is a matter of interest that the largest offering from any church in the Southwestern District came to the Society from the Rainy Mountain Church, Oklahoma, composed of converted Kiowa Indians. What a lesson to the strong, wealthy churches!

A most satisfactory feature of the District Secretary's work was a tour of Indian Territory and Oklahoma, with Secretary M. P. Hunt, of the several Boards of the Southern Baptist Convention. The two secretaries stand shoulder-to-shoulder for the Kingdom of Christ in the Southwest.

It is evident that much time will have to be given to planning, organiz-

ing and educating, and great results cannot be expected in a day. But because the country is undeveloped, and there is opportunity to have a part in the foundation work, the secretary's heart warms to his task.

States.	Churches.	Sunday Schools.	V. P. Societies.	Individ- uals.	Women's Societies.	Total Donations.	Legacies.	Total Receipts.
Kansas New Mexico Oklahoma Indian Ter	\$2,388 52 152 06 717 11 336 44	7 94	13 70			172 43 802 81		172 43 802 81
Totals, 1903-1904	\$3,595 06	\$118 37	\$43 30	\$307 59	\$13 00	\$4,077 32		\$4,077 32
Number con- tributing in 1903-1904	305	38	13	91	6			

Note.—As this is the first report from the Southwestern, figures are not at hand from which to show the increase in number of contributors over 1902-3. No figures being available for New Mexico for 1902-3, it cannot be shown, definitely, the total increase in the district as a whole. It is evident, however, that there has been an increase all along the line. Increase in offerings as compared with 1902-1903 are as follows: Kansas, \$160.57; Oklahoma, \$241.04; Indian Territory, \$31.46.

dian Territory, \$31.46. \$50.00 received from Kansas from sale of abandoned church building.

This being the first report from the Southwestern District as such, there are no figures at hand from which to make a comparison as to the number of contributors this year and last. It is evident, however, that there has been an increase in offerings all over the district.

I have visited 22 churches, 10 Sunday Schools, 3 prayer meetings, 5 Young People's Societies. I have attended 3 rallies and 1 dedication of mission school building. I have preached 18 sermons and delivered 20 addresses. I have visited two of the Society's schools. Ten other fields have been visited; 5,650 miles have been traveled in the service of the Society.

PACIFIC DISTRICT: CALIFORNIA, OREGON, WASHINGTON, MONTANA, IDAHO AND ALASKA.

C. A. WOODDY, D.D., PORTLAND, OREGON, DISTRICT SECRETARY.

My report for the year ending March 31, 1904, is herewith submitted. There is no special feature of the work of the year to which I would call attention more than to repeat the statement of last year that I have found the work of superintendence claiming more and more of my time, so that I have been able to devote only a portion of my time to the actual presentation of the Society's work and the raising of money for this work. I am pleased to call attention to the substantial increase secured in the number of contributing churches over last year and the increase in the direct contribution from the churches themselves. In 1899 52 churches gave \$1,100.51; in 1901 112 churches gave \$2,045.00; in 1903 185 churches

gave \$3,783.55, and during the year past 238 churches gave \$5,612.94. It is a pleasing incident of the year that a Congregationalist brother felt enough interest in our work to give \$1,250.00 for expenditure on the Pacific Coast.

States.	Churches.	Sunday Schools.	Y. P. Societies.	Individ- uals.	Women's Societies.	Total Do- nations.	Legacies.	Total Receipts.
Idaho	\$388 99 202 25 1,645 45 1,166 50 2,176 33 103 00	\$12 55 3 60 44 22 44 70 71 66 10 00	\$2 00 7 50 32 49 2 00	1,309 60		190 85 1,744 67 1,204 12 3,555 08		
Totals, 1903-4			\$43 99 42 51	\$1.37860 817 79			\$1,200 00	
Increase	\$1,898 97	\$111 95	\$1 48	\$560 81		\$2,475 28		\$1,275 28
Decrease					\$28 35		\$1,200 00	
Number contrib- uting in 1903-4 In 1902-3	244 -185	36 19	10	15 25	2 3			
Increase	59	17						
Decrease	.,		3	10	1			

I have been able to give my entire time to the work of the Society during the year. I have traveled 29,341 miles and written more than 2,000 letters and postal cards. I have attended about 220 different meetings and held more than 100 other conferences in the interest of denominational affairs. Other items of my work and pertaining to my District will be given in my report as Superintendent of Missions.

KANAWHA DISTRICT: WEST VIRGINIA. REV. JOHN S. STUMP, PARKERSBURG, DISTRICT SECRETARY.

The financial exhibit accompanying this report shows that the total receipts from West Virginia during the past year were about \$1,850 less than the total receipts of the preceding year. But the receipts for the preceding year contained extraordinary gifts to the amount of \$2,300. So, the regular receipts of the closing year are about 20 per cent. more than the regular receipts of the year before. An increase in the number of contributing churches is a pleasing feature of the closing year. While the contributions from most of the churches are small they compare favorably with contributions from churches of similarly small means in other States. The spirit

of liberality towards the Society is growing, and we trust that we have before us a steady increase in the amount of contributions and in the number of contributors. The Home Mission Monthly now goes into 855 homes in West Virginia, and the number will probably be increased during the coming year. This can hardly fail to bear fruit in increase of interest and contributions.

States.	Churches.	Sunday Schools.	Y. P. Societies.	Individ- uals.	Women's Societies.	Total Do- nations.	Legacies.	Total Receipts.
West Virginia								
Totals, 1903-4 1902-3	\$2,425 86 2,027 38	\$71 29 63 14		\$215 31 1,964 82			\$500 00	
Increase	\$398 48	\$8 15						
Decrease			\$2 43	\$1.749 51	\$5 52	\$1,350 83	\$500 00	\$1,850 83
Number contrib- uting in 1903-4. In 1902-3	438 376	12 18	4 • 5	66 51	2 3			
Increase	62			15				
Decrease		6	1		1			

SUMMARY.

My work as District Secretary and in the capacity of Superintendent of Missions may be summarized as follows:

I have traveled 12,896 miles, visited 5 Sunday Schools, 10 associations, and 403 families; have attended 14 meetings for conference about the work of the Kingdom, 3 board meetings, 50 prayer meetings, and helped in 4 series of revival meetings; have preached 75 sermons, delivered 73 addresses, distributed 20,876 Home Mission leaflets, and written 2,510 letters.

EVANGELISM.

The matter of coöperation with the Home Mission Society in the evangelistic movement inaugurated in Buffalo last May was brought before the General Association of the State last October, and a committee consisting of J. W. Carter, T. C. Johnson, W. P. Walker, Martin W. Buck, M. A. Summers, and J. S. Stump was appointed by the Executive Board to take up the matter. The committee has made no definite recommendations to the Executive Board. They did, however, arrange a series of conferences which were held at Hinton, Huntington, Parkersburg, Wheeling and Clarksburg. These conferences were well attended, and much enthusiasm was generated. Some of the conferences were made very precious by the

presence and approval of the Holy Spirit. The committee will probably arrange for other conferences in connection with associational and other denominational gatherings during the approaching Summer. The spirit of evangelism has been manifest in revivals of unusual power in nearly every section of the State.

In the conferences that were held the opinion seemed to prevail that we must put emphasis upon personal work—"Individual work for Individuals"—in our churches, and restore the old-time custom of the interchange of revival work among pastors, too much neglected of late.

The prevailing conditions make the employment of a State evangelist, or perhaps better, two district missionaries, a necessity.

The presence of increasing thousands of foreigners in our coal fields cannot be longer ignored without great loss. I have suggested to the General Missionary of the State Mission Board that we join in an experiment near Fairmont, where the greatest congestion of foreign population is, looking to the solution of the problem of how to evangelize these peoples. The suggestion meets his approval. We are planning to secure a young man well equipped who will make an old church at Monongah the basis of operations and give at least half his time to work among the Slavs and Italians of the neighborhood. He will be expected to acquire some knowledge of the languages of these peoples. Their children are being educated in our schools and many of them speak English quite readily. So that work among them might begin at once without all the impediments confronting English speaking missionaries in foreign lands.

MISSOURI.

MANLY J. BREAKER, D.D., ST. LOUIS, CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

There have been no unusual features in the past year's work. The difficulties have not diminished nor the encouragements failed. If anything, our people have been more than ever engaged in missionary work in their own State as against work in the wider fields outside. When the average Missouri Baptist last year gave a dollar to the Lord, he designated eleven cents for all missions, but stipulated that seven and a half of these eleven should be spent in his own State. With a horizon thus narrowed it is very hard to interest him in taking "North America for Christ." His county, to say nothing of his State, is apt to be bigger in his eyes than all North America, or all the rest of the world, for that matter.

But there has been some slight growth in appreciation of a larger work for the Master. Especially gratifying is a willingness on the part of an increasing number of pastors to lead their flocks into broader pastures.

My work has been much the same as formerly, one of incessant labor, both in my office and out of it, as may be seen from this summary: Days from home, 116; places visited, 87; miles traveled, 25,399; Associations attended, 25; conventions attended, 8; addresses made, 131; pages of literature published, 865,550; distributed, 1,569,571; letters sent out, 27,491; total collections, Home Missions, \$9,589; Foreign Missions, \$15,452; both, \$24,831.

Having now been nearly eight years in this work, I am prepared to suggest improvements in its operation, which I hope will meet with the approbation of our Missouri Board, and which I think will very materially increase the good results. These consist chiefly in a plan for a special campaign of personal contract with certain backward pastors and churches, without at all relaxing the present efforts at education.

SUMMARY OF OFFERINGS FROM MISSOURI.

	Churches.	Sunday Schools.	Young People's Societies.	W. M. S.	Individuals.	Total Receipts
1903-4		\$1 50 13 97	\$1 62	See below	\$57 60 76 50	\$2,018 42 1,851 69
Increase	\$184 32					\$156 73
Decrease		\$12 47	\$1 62		\$21 10	
1903-4		1 5	ï		9 8	
Increase	23				1	
Decrease		4	1		1	

The offerings from women's missionary societies all go to W. B. H. M. S., Chicago. Last year they were \$342.53; this year they are \$595.36. Thus the total offerings from Missouri Baptists for Northern Home Missions are this year \$2.613.78. which is a gain over last year of \$419.50—far too small a gain but large enough to serve as a straw to show which way the wind blows.

II.—MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT.

The whole number of commissions issued by the Society during the year exceeds that of any other year in its history; being 1,430, or 120 more than the previous year; and, by way of further comparison, nearly double the number sixteen years ago, and six times the number twenty-five years ago. This increase has been mainly in the distinctively missionary force and that largely in the West and among our immigrant populations. Among the American population there have been 705 laborers as compared with 653 the year before, and among the foreign populations 300 as compared with 271 the year before. Only those familiar with the details of correspondence and of book-keeping at the Rooms can have any just conception of the amount of work involved in

proper attention to this large missionary force among twenty-three different nationalities or peoples.

Recently, inquiry was made of representatives of coöperating Conventions whether a moderate reduction in appropriations by the Society to missionary work therein would not be practicable. The emphatic answer from every one, accompanied by cogent reasons, is in the negative, most of them urging an increase if possible. New fields are appealing for aid more rapidly than older fields are dispensing with it, though strong pressure is put upon mission churches to advance as rapidly as possible to self-support. Last year, while 60 churches are reported as having become self-supporting, on the other hand nearly 90 new churches were organized in our mission fields; and our general mission-aries report over 200 new places that ought to be occupied the coming year. No one who is at all familiar with the development of the West can question the need for strengthening our forces there.

The heroic pioneer missionary who has ever been conspicuous in our country's growth, is yet at the front. As one of our Superintendents of missions says: "It is no uncommon thing for the missionaries of the Society to walk from ten to thirty miles through forests and swamps to meet their appointments. This pioneer work calls, to-day, not less than in early times, for strong, brave, heroic service."

The perusal of reports by Superintendents and General Missionaries is very informing concerning the conditions of their respective fields and most encouraging in the prominence given therein to aggressive evangelistic effort. Probably the spiritual current of Christian life was never stronger in the West than now, though counter-currents are particularly strong there still.

Mormonism, as shown by the pending Congressional investigation, maintains through its leading representatives, a despotic hold upon its adherents, adapting itself to conditions for the time being, by pretended revelations from God. Its entire religious system, as well as its teaching concerning polygamy, is radically antagonistic to Christianity. While the results of missionary work among Mormons have not been large, yet good progress has been made; and, however difficult the work, both the dictate of Christian duty to the misguided and the dictate of

Christian patriotism demand that there be no slackening of effort for the evangelization of these people. In Utah, we have two self-supporting churches, one at Salt Lake City, the other at Ogden, and five other mission churches with some outstations. There is also a general missionary, whose field, however, includes Wyoming also. The present time seems auspicious for more aggressive and larger operation in Utah, provided the Society can command requisite resources for this purpose.

In Alaska, we have but one missionary, Rev. G. S. Clevenger of Copper Centre, about one hundred miles north of Valdez, whose work is chiefly among the Indians, who are very responsive to his Christian and philanthropic efforts in their behalf. The station, being on the route to the Tanana gold region northward, affords Mr. Clevenger an opportunity frequently to preach to the numerous companies passing that way. For the present, in the depressed condition of Skagway, work has been suspended there. Attention is being given to the developments around Prince William Sound and Resurrection Bay, which are likely to become centres of commercial activity in connection with the construction of one or more railways to the Yukon.

EVANGELISM.

Both because of what has been done the past year and what remains to be done in promoting the evangelistic spirit in the denomination, more space than usual is devoted to the subject in this report. The action at Buffalo a year ago was a follows:

Resolved, That the American Baptist Home Mission Society, regarding with favor the suggestion that special evangelistic effort should be made on a broad scale, under its auspices, hereby instructs its Executive Board, in consultation with others known to be deeply interested in this movement, to formulate a plan of operations, which, so far as practicable, shall bring Baptist State Conventions, District Associations and City Missionary Societies and Educational Institutions into coöperative relations with it and with each other in this work.

Resolved, That for the stability and efficiency of a work so extensive a guarantee fund of not less than \$25,000 per year for five years is needed and that in the judgment of this Society the Executive Board should aim to secure this amount.

At that meeting also the Secretaries, Superintendents and general missionaries, from Yourteen State Conventions met and

formulated a fraternal communication to the Society, concluding with this summary:

"Three things we ask:

- 1. Cordial, coöperative recognition of State Conventions, as among the great missionary agencies of the denomination.
- 2. Coöperation and federation with the Home Mission Society in more aggressive work, among immigrant populations.
- 3. Coöperation and federation in a mighty evangelistic campaign."

This communication was referred to the Executive Board, which, as instructed by the Society, devoted special attention to the subject and in June, 1903, adopted the following:

Resolved, That pursuant to the action of the Society at Buffalo concerning special evangelistic effort on a broad scale, the Executive Board as an initial step in this direction appoints the Chairman of the Board, the Corresponding Secretary and the Field Secretary a Committee with power to arrange for conferences with representatives of State Conventions and others interested, during the summer, and to formulate plans for submission to this Board at its September meeting as well as to Baptist State Conventions meeting soon thereafter.

The suggestion that the Society cooperate more extensively with State Conventions was most hospitably received, inasmuch as it already sustained cooperative relations with about forty missionary organizations, mostly conventions, with many of which work was being done for immigrant populations. The Committee of the Board, after correspondence with representatives of State Conventions, arranged for two Conferences on Evangelism; one, for a group of ten eastern States and two City Mission Societies; the other for a group of ten central western States and one City Mission Society. The first, held in New York City, July 22, 23, was attended by nineteen representatives of Conventions and City Mission Societies, the total being twenty-six; the other, in Chicago, by twenty-five representatives of Conventions and the City Mission Society, the total being twenty-eight. These fiftyfour in a most delightful spirit for nearly two entire days, considered in an orderly method the many aspects of the subject, presenting facts concerning the extent, character and methods of evangelistic work being done, and suggesting what more could be wisely undertaken. It appeared that in the Eastern group, but one evangelist was employed by a State Convention, and in the Western group, none. In several states, however, much evangelistic work was done by their superintendents or general missionaries, by district missionaries, by pastors going to other fields than their own, under direction of the Superintendents or of Committees on Evangelism.

In accordance with the expressed desire of these Conferences and upon the approval of many members thereof, the Committee prepared and submitted to the Board, Sept. 14, 1903, a communication "to the Baptist Churches of the Northern and Western States," which, directly after adoption by the Board, was widely published in the denominational papers, in the Baptist Home Mission Monthly, while nearly a thousand copies were sent to the Corresponding Secretaries or general missionaries of State Conventions with an appropriate note in connection therewith. Omitting prefatory portions of this communication, the following extracts are given as indicative of the attitude of the Board, in order that the Society itself, if it chooses, may take definite action in approval or in modification thereof.

II. RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. That pastors and churches unite in making the coming year one of earnest, aggressive, persistent evangelistic effort—a year of evangelism.

2. That as a fitting introduction and preparation, pastors in their public services, and churches in their weekly prayer meetings, directly before the meetings of their State Conventions make special supplication for the divine blessing upon these gatherings; that the month of October be set apart by our churches as a season of special prayer for a refreshing and regirding from on High; and that this be accompanied and followed by direct personal effort to win men to Christ.

3. That Pastors' Conferences and State Conventions meeting this fall devote special attention to the subject of evangelism, and that efficient committees on Evangelism be appointed.

4. That whenever practicable a general evangelist be appointed for each State, who shall sustain the same relation to the Board of Managers as that of other appointees.

5. That churches be asked to release, for brief periods, pastors of evangelistic gifts, for needed service on other fields; and that pastors be urged to assist neighboring pastors in the conduct of special meetings.

6. That such evangelistic work be considered an essential and integral part of the work of the Convention, to be provided for in the usual way.

III. ANNOUNCEMENT.

The American Baptist Home Mission Society, accepting the responsibility imposed upon it, makes the following initial announcement of its purpose:

I. To maintain close consultation and cooperation with State Conventions, City Mission Societies, etc., in all efforts in this direction, leaving largely to these organizations the selection and direction of the work in the several States, yet rendering such financial and other aid as may be acceptable and practicable.

2. To appoint a man of recognized evangelistic gifts as a general evangelist, whose work shall be

(a) To quicken interest in evangelism through conferences with pastors and others, at central points, and at meetings of Conventions and summer assemblies.

(b) To formulate and carry into effect definite plans of evangelistic effort, in consultation with the officers of the Society and of other bodies.

(c) To render such personal evangelistic service in connection with special efforts or campaigns as may be practicable.

3. To appoint general evangelists among our immigrant populations, in cooperation, whenever practicable, with Conventions and City Mission Societies.

4. To appoint a man of conceded fitness for work among students in our Academies, Colleges, and Universities, and for conferences with students in our Theological Seminaries on Evangelism, with the concurrence of the heads of these Institutions.

5. To discover and utilize men of exceptional ability and adaptation for specific forms of evangelistic work, as, for instance, in our great cities, tent work on the frontier, and elsewhere.

6. To devote at least one entire session of its next annual meeting to Evangelism.

7. To hold three conferences on evangelism in the summer of 1904, with representatives of State Conventions, City Mission Societies, and institutions of learning, also general and State evangelists and others interested; one conference for the Eastern States; one for the Central Western States, and one for the farther West.

8. For the furtherance of these objects the Society earnestly appeals to those who are able to give largely or but little, for liberal offerings, in addition to the amount usually given for its work in general. This work cannot be done effectively without larger resources than are ordinarily at the command of the Society.

9. The Society, desiring to serve the denomination as best it may, will be most receptive to suggestions and responsive to its will so far as ascertainable and in due time, as additional light is given and as its resources may allow, will make further announcement of policy and plans. Upon the work as thus outlined the Society invokes the divine blessing, and craves the united supplications of the denomination in order that God

may be honored more highly by a more consecrated people, and by larger harvests of souls redeemed through the Gospel of His Son, who came to seek and to save that which was lost.

While the Board was maturing its plans, Baptists from thirteen states in attendance at the Winona Conference, Aug. 20th, met and adopted resolutions commendatory of "the wise manner in which the Home Mission Society is seeking to carry out the spirit and suggestions of the Buffalo meeting," and urging "pastors, church associations and State Conventions to coöperate with the Society in its efforts to promote aggressive evangelism." At several State Conventions in October and November, both the Corresponding Secretary and the Field Secretary of the Society, by special invitation, spoke on this subject. Our denominational papers simultaneously coöperated effectively in arousing the evangelistic spirit.

The effect of all this, as perusal of the proceedings of State Conventions, and as recent special inquiries show, was very great. Nearly every state Convention last fall emphasized evangelism. appointed special committees on the subject and formulated definite plans. Some of the meetings were of marked spiritual power.

There are 33 Conventions in the field covered by the Society. Of these, 12 report 21 evangelists who have given themselves wholly to this work most of the time since the Convention meetings last fall; 18 Conventions reporting much evangelistic service rendered for considerable periods by about 70 general and district missionaries. The older State Conventions generally, have not found it necessary to ask financial assistance of the Society. The cooperative relations between the Society and most of the newer Western State and territorial Conventions include the appointment of evangelists, except in some instances in which Conventions approve and commend these men to the churches, without any stipulated salary. Considerable difficulty is found in securing acceptable and efficient men to labor under the auspices of Conventions and of the Society, for the moderate compensation offered, it being freely admitted that evangelists who devote most of their time to the larger churches receive usually much more than these organizations are able to offer them. Inasmuch as only six months have elapsed since this forward movement

was fully inaugurated, it is too soon to measure its full scope and significance; but it is already clear that the denomination, probably as never before, is facing this way, and from many quarters come cheering reports of much larger accessions than usual to our churches.

To our immigrant populations four evangelists have been appointed; one to the Germans in coöperation with the German Baptist Conference; one to the Swedes, one to the French Canadians of New England, and one to the Italians. Most of the 300 missionaries to these peoples have a pronounced evangelistic spirit.

What more the Society should do is not altogether clear. Your Board has refrained from the appointment of a general evangelist to labor as indicated in its "Announcement," or to unite that general work with specific work among students in our Colleges and Academies. Suitable men available for such a position are rare. Moreover, the financial response to the Society's appeal, seconded by others, for special offerings for this purpose has not been very pronounced. Rather than rush rashly ahead on the crest of a local wave of interest, it has seemed wiser to get the full measure of the need for such service, the demand for it and the advantages of it; in other words, to get the whole work of organized evangelism on a normal, sane, sound and Scriptural basis which shall be conducive of the best results. Whether three general Conferences annually, as has been suggested, can be successfully held, is in the judgment of many questionable. The Society does not aspire to dominant centralization and direction of these activities; but prefers the distribution and localization and focalization of responsibility and interest at many points; advising and sending reinforcements wherever practicable and acceptable.

OUR FOREIGN POPULATIONS.

The high tide of immigration, very largely of an undesirable character, is justly giving thoughtful Americans no little concern. Even deeper concern should be felt by American Christians for the evangelization of these multitudes, many of whom are in dense spiritual darkness. This vast foreign mission field transferred to our own doors presents an unparalleled opportunity for

missionary endeavor. What we are doing is not at all commensurate with the need and in many cases with the demand for more workers.

The German Baptists with their well organized general Conference and district conferences, make steady and solid advance as shown in the valuable historical review elsewhere given by the Superintendent of German work. His statement that twenty-two German Baptist Churches of twenty years ago have ceased to be, because the members of most of them have been merged with American Churches, and that four have become prosperous American Churches, is an illustration of the way in which our missions among the foreign populations are feeders to American Baptist Churches. The appointment of an Evangelist to some western German fields has been attended with large ingatherings. One or two more could be judiciously employed.

The Swedish Baptists here are nearly or quite as numerous now as the Germans. In the New England States missionaries are appointed in co-operation with the State Conventions, just as in the Western States, where the Swedes are most numerous. This tends to the establishment of sympathetic relations between them and their American brethren.

The Norwegians and Danes, though sometimes maintaining separate organizations, frequently are united in one church. The most notable event of the year among them is the completion of the fine edifice of the Logan Square Norwegian Church of Chicago, assisted by the Society.

Among the French Canadians of New England the work has been pressed with vigor. One of the missionaries, Rev. G. Aubin of Fall River, Mass., by dint of great sacrifice and toil has published on his own small press thousands of tracts, among which is "The True Catechism," which is being translated into other languages for circulation among Romanists. Rev. J. N. Williams, the veteran Superintendent of French missions, has been laid aside awhile by illness, but is recovering and, it is hoped, may soon be able to complete his interesting narrative of his long period of service among this people. Rev. Arthur St. James, for years missionary pastor of the French Baptists in Worcester, Mass., has been appointed to do evangelistic work in New England and is meeting with much encouragement. His labors began January

first. A general missionary has also been appointed to the French in Vermont.

The demand for Italian Baptist missionaries is greater than the supply. At least six new fields should be immediately occupied. Very cheering accounts come from our missionaries concerning the readiness of the people to hear the Gospel. Rev. A. Mangano, a native of Italy, but for many years a resident here, and a recent graduate from a Theological Seminary has been appointed evangelist and general missionary with headquarters in Brooklyn where an interesting work is in progress. He entered upon his duties early in January.

There is no marked change in our missions to the Bohemians and the Poles. It is difficult to get capable men for the fields that ought to be entered.

The Finnish Baptist Mission Union of America, though a small body, is characterized by a strong evangelistic spirit in behalf of the large numbers who are coming into the northwest from Finland, because of Russian oppression and encroachments there.

THE INDIANS.

The Society's work among the American Indians has assumed the largest proportions in its history. There are missions now among fifteen tribes, as follows: Cherokees, Delawares, Creeks, Seminoles, Choctaws, Chickasaws, Wichitas, Caddoes, Kiowas, Comanches, Cheyennes, Osages, Arapahoes, Navajoes, in the Southwest, and the Crows of Montana. The latter is of special interest just now, as appears in the report of the field Secretary whose personal visit to these Indians was very helpful in the consummation of plans for the establishment of this mission.

PORTO RICO AND CUBA.

The progress of our work in these islands is most cheering. Five years ago in January when the first missionary was sent thither, there was not a known Baptist or an evangelical congregation in Porto Rico, and only an ephemeral beginning in Eastern Cuba. Fo-day, there are over forty regular mission stations, about fifty out-stations and nearly 1,400 members of Baptist churches,—875 in Porto Rico and almost 500 in Eastern Cuba,—a gain of about 450 the last year. This gain has been made under many disadvantages, particularly in respect of suitable places for

public services. Numerous Sunday Schools have been organized, also some vigorous Christian Endeavor Societies. Best of all, the evangelizing spirit is very marked in many of the converts, so that not only by public preaching but also by personal and unrequited effort on the part of many members of our churches the truths of the Gospel are brought to the attention of the people who, compared with the people of most other Roman Catholic countries, are remarkably receptive, and very hospitable to our missionaries.

These results are due, under the divine blessing, largely to the exceptionally well equipped and efficient missionary force in the service of the Society. The tables given in the reports of the general missionaries attest their activity and administrative ability in the management not merely of local interests for which they are particularly responsible, but of the varied duties incident to the occupation of new fields, such as securing places for services, fitting them up for congregations, getting proper custodians of property; making frequent preaching tours and doing much visiting from house to house; travelling often long distances on horseback in the rainy season, submitting to many deprivations and hardships; developing and directing native workers; building chapels, and attending to a multitude of other matters that cannot be specified.

Overburdened as they are, reinforcements are imperatively demanded. Accordingly in October, Rev. Thomas H. Sprague, of Philadelphia, was appointed to Eastern Cuba, where he arrived in December; and in July, Rev. A. L. Story, a Cuban by birth, for several years engaged in Christian work in Colombia, was appointed to Bayamo and vicinity, where he began work in October, and with his knowledge of the Spanish language, has already acquired great influence and been instrumental in bringing many to Christ. Rev. A. B. Howell, of Ohio, for a time missionary in Mexico, is under appointment to Eastern Cuba, whither he expects to go in June.

Likewise to Porto Rico two new appointments have just been made, both from the senior class of the Rochester Theological Seminary, viz.: Rev. L. E. Troyer and Mr. H. W. Vodra, who expect to begin their labors in September. Several capable and consecrated native assistants have been appointed. The problem

of securing competent native missionaries, is receiving consideration at the Rooms and by our principal representatives in Cuba and Porto Rico.

It has been decided to publish a monthly, or possibly semimonthly, Baptist paper in Spanish, both in Porto Rico and Cuba; the infrequency of communication between the islands and other considerations making one paper for both impracticable. We gladly acknowledge the coöperation of the American Baptist Publication Society by its appropriation of \$300 toward the publication. For both papers the expense will be about \$750, a small portion of which will be met by subscriptions. The lack of suitable Christian literature, of a medium of information and communication between the churches, and the Romish misrepresentations concerning us, make such papers a necessity. The first issue of the paper for Porto Rico, "El Evangelista," was issued in March, Rev. H. P. McCormick, editor.

The Corresponding Secretary of the Society made a visit of nearly two months, from January 1st to February 26th, to the principal mission stations in both islands, during which period he addressed forty congregations with an attendance aggregating fully five thousand people; participated in the dedication services of five houses of worship and the laying of the corner stone of the sixth and negotiated, subject to the approval of the Board, for the purchase of eight sites for chapels and held two very profitable conferences with the missionaries. His report to the Board, at a special meeting March 28th, with specific recommendations concerning the extension and strengthening of our work there received the hearty sanction of the entire Board. The details as wrought out and put into execution will be given in the report for the ensuing year. A somewhat full and illustrated account of the Secretary's trip to Porto Rico and Cuba is given in the Home Mission Monthly for May and June, 1904. The importance of pressing the work there now most vigorously can hardly be overstated and the Society earnestly appeals for liberal offerings for this purpose.

A large section of the central portion of Porto Rico, from the Northeast to the Southwest, about 100 miles long by 25 miles wide, is almost exclusively Baptist territory, in accordance with the interdenominational comity arrangement; and by a similar arrangement Eastern Cuba is almost wholly under our care. It remains for us therefore to improve our great opportunity.

MEXICO.

Substantial advance has been made in our Mexican fields, not only in church edifice matters which are mentioned elsewhere, but also in reinforcement of the two important stations of Aguas Calientes and San Luis Potosi. To the former Rev. Ernesto Barocio, who had been associated with Mr. Sloan in the City of Mexico, was appointed, beginning his labors in June, 1903. The growth of our cause there has been encouraging, while the growth of the City itself, one of the most attractive places in the Republic, emphasizes the importance of its occupation. Rev. S. S. Huse who was in the service of the Missionary Union in the Philippines until compelled to leave on account of impaired health resulting from climatic conditions, having quite recovered, accepted appointment to San Luis Potosi, where he arrived early in January. Mr. Sloan, as pastor of the Church, with its out-stations, in the City of Mexico, as General Missionary for Central Mexico and editor of La Luz, ought to have an assistant without delay.

A noteworthy event was the meeting in the City of Mexico, on Sept. 12, 1903, of the first National Baptist Convention of Mexico, representing the churches both of this Society and of the Southern Baptist Convention.

In Northern Mexico, there has been a good number of baptisms and an outreaching of activity for the better cultivation of the field. The Monterey Church is approaching the stage of self-support, unless indeed its flourishing missions in that growing city make such demands for a helper that the Society's aid will be required awhile longer. It is doubtless the strongest Baptist Church in the Republic. This is in some degree due to the excellent school that for many years has been maintained in connection with the Church, by the aid of The Woman's American Baptist Home Mission Society. Upon their own initiative and at their own expense, the Baptists of New Leon have begun the publication of a monthly paper, called "El Cristiano Bautista."

MISSIONARY WORK FOR NEGROES.

The Society is still in coöperation with the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention and with the white and Negro Baptist Conventions of Virginia, North Carolina, Kentucky and Missouri, as for several years past; and coöperates also with the colored Baptist Conventions of West Virginia, Georgia and Texas. The appointees, 18 in number, are all colored men. Their work for the most part consists in holding "Ministers' Institutes" and developing the beneficence of the churches for missionary objects. North Carolina is a conspicuous illustration of the benefits of this kind of work, having come out of the almost chaotic condition in which it was a few years ago, into one of the most orderly, compact and benevolent bodies of colored Baptists in the South.

As intimated in the last annual report, the tendency of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention is toward the termination of these cooperative relations and the assumption of independent work of some sort for the colored people. This has become more pronounced during the year. Last November the Corresponding Secretary and Field Secretary of this Society had a conference in Atlanta, Ga., with leading members of the Home Mission Board, to ascertain whether a continuance of cooperative relations, with possibly some modifications in methods, was not desirable and practicable. Their attention was called to the fact of the Society's large educational interests which are closely interwoven with the religious life of the colored Baptists of the South, as a factor that should be taken into account in the formulation of plans for missionary work, and, after presenting other aspects of the matter, the hope was expressed that before decisive action should be taken by their Board a good understanding might be had between us as to our future relations in work for the colored people. In March the Corresponding Secretary, when attending Trustee meetings of the schools in Atlanta, upon his return from Cuba, reiterated to representatives of that Board our hopes for a fraternal arrangement that would be most advantageous to all concerned. To these advances of the Society no response has been made, and it now appears from published announcements that the Home Mission Board has decided to act, as it of course has the unquestioned right to do, entirely independently in these matters. We rejoice indeed in the apparent revival of concern on the part of our Southern white brethren for the religious welfare of the colored people and await with interest the unfolding of their plans to this end. To what extent the

Society will continue its cooperative missionary work with colored Baptist State Conventions, remains to be seen; at all events it is now honorably free to adopt such plans of its own as may be deemed best.

MISSIONARY SUMMARY.

The following presents a summary exhibit of the missionary operations of the Society:

The whole number of laborers, missionaries and teachers supported wholly or in part by the Society has been 1,430. These have been distributed as follows: In New England States, 59; in the Middle and Central States, 133; in the Southern States, 264; in the Western States and Territories, 915; in the Canadian Dominion, 10; in Mexico, 22; in Alaska, 1; in Cuba, 11; in Porto Rico, 15; French missionaries have wrought in nine States; Scandinavian missionaries in 25 States; German missionaries in 20 States and Canada; colored missionaries in 22 States and Territories.

Among the foreign populations there have been 300 missionaries and 11 teachers; among the colored people, 55 and 250; the Indians, 23 and 26; the Mexicans, 19 and 15; the Cubans, 10 and 1; the Porto Ricans, 12 and 3, respectively; and among Americans, 705 missionaries.

The Society aids in the maintenance of 34 schools established for the colored people, the Indians and the Mexicans. There are 7 day schools for the Chinese and other day schools as follows: 1 in New Mexico, 1 in Cuba, and 2 in Porto Rico; in all, 44.

The particular distribution of these laborers is as follows:

Maine	2	S. C	34	Mo	9	Ca1	96
N. H	3	Ga	52	Neb	45	Ore	52
Vt	5	Fla	6	Ind. Ter	III	Wash	91
Mas	30	Ala	4	Okla	107	Manitoha	3
R. I	5	Miss	17	Kans	57	Alberta	2
Conn	14	La	7	So. Dak	41	Ontario	2
N. Y	20	Ark	5	No. Dak	31	Assiniboia	2
N. J	17	Tex	29	Mont	21	Saskatche-	
Pa	16	Ohio	7	Wvo	II	wan	2
Del	4		17	Colo	43		22
Va	49	Ind	3	New Mex	28	Alaska	1
W. Va	13	III	7	Ariz	12	Cuba	II
Ky	12	****	42	Utah	12	Porto Rico	15
Tenn	18	Minn	72	Nev	1	-	_
N. C	31	Iowa	7	Idaho	26	1	430

CLASSIFIED TABLE OF MISSIONARIES, ETC., OF THE AMERICAN BAPTIST HOME MISSION SOCIETY—From 1871 to 1904 inclusive.

	Church Edifices Erected.	22.22.28.24.20.00.20.20.20.20.20.20.20.20.20.20.20.	2 %
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* The plan of cooperation in the States of New York, Michigan and Illinois terminated in 1875, and 73 missionaries in these states were transferred to the care of their respective State conventions. † Not including secretaries and agents. ‡ The decrease of missionaries among the freedmen after 1873 is largely accounted for by the fact that students were no longer commissioned as teachers and missionaries during their summer vacations. \$\frac{3}{2}\$ Including about ten teachers of government day schools in Indian Territory. \$\prec{1}{2}\$ Not reported. Also in 1896, among Lettish, 1; in 1904, 1. In 1890, among Syrians, 1; in 1904, 2. In 1902, among Hungarians, 1; in 1904, 1. Among Slavs, 1903, 1; in 1904, 1. Among Slavs, 1903, 1; in 1904, 2.

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Number of Laborers	1,430
Weeks of labor	48.129
Churches and out-stations supplied	2,260
Sermons preached	117,466
Prayer meetings attended	48,520
Religious visits made	326,874
Bibles and Testaments distributed	10,271
Pages of tracts distributed	2,992,692
Received by baptism	5,945
Received by letter and experience	8,279
Total church membership	65,911
Churches organized	113
Sunday Schools under care of Missionaries	1,365
Attendance at Sunday Schools	
	85,361
Benevolent contributions reported	\$132,074.11
RESULTS OF SEVENTY-ONE YEARS.	
Number of commissions to missionaries and teachers	28,117
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REPORT OF FIELD SECRETARY.

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The special work of the Field Secretary is suggested, if not defined, by his title. This implies that he is to keep his eyes upon the field in order that he may serve and assist the Executive in the Rooms. In accordance with this view, your Field Secretary has devoted a large part of his time to a survey of the field, familiarizing himself with actual conditions, studying the problems involved in those conditions, and coming into personal relations with the workers.

Immediately after the Anniversaries in Buffalo, an extensive trip was taken through the Black Hills country in South Dakota, the Basin of the Big Horn in Wyoming, and the Crow Indian Reservation in Montana. The trip through the Big Horn Basin involved a wagon ride of about three hundred and seventy miles over the sage-brush and cactus plains of that region, and the ranches along its river bottoms, visiting points far remote from

railroads and preaching daily or nightly to little congregations throughout that sparsely-settled country. The land which is to-day a wilderness gives promise, by the completion of irrigation ditches and canals, of speedy transformation into fertile fields, and of furnishing homes and sustenance to a multitude of thrifty settlers. The policy of the Society in sending a missionary into this new frontier country, ministering to the scattered ones who are as sheep without a shepherd, and pre-empting the territory by establishing a circuit of preaching stations and erecting houses of worship at strategic points, is an eminently wise one, and has already been amply justified. Church buildings have been erected at Basin, Burlington, Shell, and Meteetsee, and a school-house has been purchased at Jordan. The labors of the missionary have been supplemented by the work of evangelists, and at four of the points named churches have been organized.

The visit to the Crow Reservation, with its 1900 Indians, unevangelized and upon the lower rungs of the ladder of civilization, has resulted in the establishment of a mission at Lodge Grass, Mont. A missionary, Rev. W. A. Petzoldt, late pastor of the church in Sheridan, Wyo., is on the ground. A grant of 160 acres of land for a mission compound has been secured; a mission house, and a building for school and chapel, are in process of erection; consecrated young women are offering themselves as teachers; and a matron has been, or soon will be, assigned to this district by the Government. The attitude of the Indians towards the new mission is most hospitable, and they have rendered willing and valuable help in the cutting down and hauling of logs from the mountains. It is confidently believed that at no distant day there will be trophies of the power of the Gospel among the Crows, and that by the combined effort of preacher, teachers and matron, touching at all points the lives of these needy people, they will be steadily uplifted. A noteworthy feature in connection with this work is the interest taken by our Christian Indians of other tribes in the evangelization of this people. The first offering for it was made by the members of the Cherokee Baptist Sunday School in Tahlequah, I. T. About one hundred dollars has been contributed by the members of the Kiowa Baptist Churches at Rainy Mountain and Elk Creek, Okla.

Visits have been made to our French missions and mission-

aries in Providence, R. I., Fall River and Worcester, Mass.; to our Portuguese mission in New Bedford, Mass.; and to our Italian workers in Stamford, New Haven and Hartford, Conn., Providence, R. I., Haverhill, Mass., and Newark, N. J. Conferences have been held with representatives of the Connecticut, Massachusetts, and New Jersey State Conventions in regard to the conduct and extension of our work among the French-Canadians and Italians; also with the Brooklyn Church Extension Society, the Albany City Mission Union, and the members of the Chicago City Mission Society in regard to the establishment of missions to the Italians in those city centres. A new impetus has been given to our French work by the appointment of Rev. Arthur St. James as an evangelist among the French in New England. A forward step has been taken in the appointment of Rev. A. Mangano, a recent graduate of the Union Theological Seminary, New York, as superintendent of our missions to the Italians. He has already established a new centre of work in Brooklyn, N. Y., and has made a preliminary survey of a new field in Passaic and Paterson, N. J. The immense and still rising tide of immigration from Italy makes an extension of work among this people an imperative and urgent necessity.

A visit to the educational institutions established or aided by our Society, in Nashville, Tenn., Louisville, Ky., Jackson, Miss., Selma, Ala., Americus, Ga., and Atlanta, Ga., gave opportunity for observation of our work among the negro population of the South. On every hand there were gratifying signs of progress made and of beneficent results achieved, while fresh emphasis was given to the urgency of the need. The eager desire of many for the advantage and benefit of a Christian education was pathetic in its earnestness. The struggles and sacrifices which many were making to realize this desire are heroic. It were surely a cruel hand that would take away from this people the key to the kingdom of knowledge, or keep them from entering an open door.

Two visits have been made to our Cherokee Baptist Academy at Tahlequah, I. T., one for the purpose of letting contracts for the erection of a much-needed Recitation Hall, the other for the dedication of the new building. Advantage was taken of these trips to make careful inquiry as to the condition of our churches

among the five civilized tribes, and as to the best methods of meeting their needs. These people are now passing through a serious crisis in their history. The old tribal relations are in process of dissolution and will soon be a thing of the past. The allotment of lands in severalty is being made as rapidly as the difficulties of the problem admit. A reactionary spirit is asserting itself among those who are adverse to the change, and is at work in the native churches. Many of the members, yielding to its influence, have fallen away. The land-hunger of the white settlers, who covet their possessions and by various devices seek to defraud them, makes them suspicious. Their native pastors need shepherding and guidance. It is a situation that calls for wise and prudent action lest much of the fruitage of years of toil be lost. Your Field Secretary has sought information and counsel from many quarters in order that he may be able to deal and advise intelligently.

While this report is in process of writing a tour is being made by him to all our missions among the Indians—the blanket Indians—in Oklahoma; Rainy Mountain, Hobart, Anadarko, the Comanche country, Saddle Mountain, Geary, Watonga, Kingfisher. These are practically foreign mission stations, presenting all the perplexities and problems of foreign work, with the added difficulty of contact with white people, who in many instances are unscrupulous, and few of whom take any interest in the spiritual welfare of the Indian.

During the summer two conferences on Evangelism were attended, one in New York and one in Chicago. At these Conferences our District Secretaries, with Secretaries of State Conventions, and others specially interested, carefully considered the need of organized evangelistic effort in the various sections of our great field, and the best method of supplying that need. By way of preparation for these conferences, your Field Secretary attended the sessions of the Evangelistic Committee of the Presbyterian Church, held at Winona Lake, Ind., obtaining valuable information as to the methods and results of their far-reaching and thoroughly organized plan of campaign.

During the fall of 1903 your Secretary attended the annual Conventions in Indian Territory, Oklahoma, Nebraska, Minnesota, Kansas, Missouri, Illinois and Michigan presenting the work

and claims of the Home Mission Society, preaching missionary sermons, and contributing as far as possible to the inspiration and profit of the meetings. In several instances the meetings of Convention Boards were attended, in order to obtain fuller knowledge of fields and methods of work.

A series of Studies in Home Missions was conducted at the Winona Assembly, Winona Lake, Ind., and at the International Convention of the United Society of Christian Endeavor in Denver, Col. This marked a new departure, and indicates a large and fruitful field of service in Summer Assemblies and other Conventions. It is a line of work which offers large opportunity for the enlightenment and enlistment of our young people. Heretofore, Home Mission work, its field, its need, its opportunities, its forces and its fruits, has received but scant treatment at the missionary sessions of such assemblies. Engagements have been made for addresses and studies at several assemblies during the coming summer.

Visits have also been made to our Theological Seminaries in Rochester, N. Y., Hamilton, N. Y., and Crozer, Pa., for the purpose of acquainting our students for the ministry more fully with the religious destitution of parts of our home field, especially in the rapidly growing West, and of setting forth the opportunity which these needy fields offer for profitable investment of Christian manhood and life and service. The reception given by the young men to your Secretary was most cordial. Their interest in his message was manifest, and their response to the call for service most gratifying. Several expressed their readiness to accept the commission of the Society, and are now in correspondence with our Superintendents of Missions and General Missionaries, with a view to service. The same spirit of Christian consecration that prompts our young men to devote themselves to mission work in far-off lands will move them to undertake work with joyful alacrity in the waste places and hard places of the home land, when the needs are clearly presented. It is the purpose of the Field Secretary to continue and to extend this work in our seminaries, and to prepare a series of lectures on Home Missions for delivery to the students.

In addition to these lines of work your Field Secretary has sought and accepted opportunity to present our work to churches

and Young People's Societies, scattering broadcast the seed of information and seeking in every way to quicken and elicit missionary interest. All this, with correspondence at the Rooms and study of the problems involved, has filled the year with service which, it is hoped, has not been altogether without fruit, and has laid a basis for more intelligent service in coming days.

SUPERINTENDENTS AND GENERAL MISSIONARIES.

The following is the list of the Superintendents and General Missionaries the past year:

Upper Mississippi District.-O. A. Williams, D.D., Minneapolis, Minn.

Trans-Mississippi Division-N. B. Rairden, D.D., Omaha, Neb.

Pacific Coast Division-C. A. Wooddy, D.D., Portland, Ore.

Wisconsin-Rev. D. W. Hulburt, Wauwatosa.

Minnesota-Rev. E. R. Pope, Minneapolis.

North and South Dakota-T. M. Shanafelt, D.D., Huron, S. D.

Nebraska-Rev. C. W. Brinstad, Omaha.

Kansas-Rev. E. B. Meredith, Kansas City.

Indian Territory-J. C. Stalcup, Esq., South M'Alester.

Oklahoma-C. W. Brewer, Esq., Norman.

Colorado-Rev. W. B. Pope, Denver.

Wyoming and Utah-Rev. Bruce Kinney, Salt Lake City, Utah.

New Mexico and Arizona-Rev. George H. Brewer, Phoenix, Arizona.

Montana, South Idaho-Rev. L. G. Clark, Helena, Mont.

East Washington and North Idaho-Rev. A. M. Allyn, Spokane, Wash.

West Washington-Rev. L. W. Terry, Tacoma.

Oregon-Rev. Leonard W. Riley, McMinnville.

Northern California and Nevada-Rev. E. R. Bennett, Oakland.

Southern California-Rev. A. M. Petty, Los Angeles.

The French-Rev. J. N. Williams, 19 Arch St., Providence, R. I.

The Germans-Rev. G. A. Schulte, 313A Charles St., West Hoboken, N. J.

The Italians-Rev. A. Mangano, Richmond Hill, N. Y.

Mexico-Rev. William H. Sloan, City of Mexico.

Eastern Cuba-H. R. Moseley, D.D., Santiago.

Northern Porto Rico-Rev. H. P. McCormick, San Juan.

Southern Porto Rico-Rev. A. B. Rudd, Ponce.

UPPER MISSISSIPPI DISTRICT: WISCONSIN, MINNESOTA, NORTH
AND SOUTH DAKOTA.

O. A. WILLIAMS, D.D., MINNEAPOLIS, MINN., SUPERINTENDENT.

It is more than sixty-five years since the American Baptist Home Mission Society began its operations in this district. Its first missionary was sent to Wisconsin in 1835; to Minnesota in 1850, and to the Territory of Dakota in 1864. The work has been prosecuted without interruption since these early beginnings. While a portion of this district may be designated as the old West, there are, however, large sections in each of these States that are strictly new territory, requiring pioneer missionary work similar in character to that which was done in the older sections forty or fifty years ago. The home-seekers are as numerous to-day in northern Wisconsin and northern Minnesota as they were in the older portions of these States in their early settlements.

Ten years ago the entire region in Minnesota along the Rainy River, extending from the Lake of the Woods to the Rainy Lake, a distance of one hundred miles, was an unbroken wilderness, visited only by the hunter or the camper in search of recreation and rest. But to-day nearly all the claims are taken to a distance of twenty miles from the river. When the railroads, that have been projected, are built through this region, new towns will spring up and new industries will be developed, calling for larger outlay of money in missionary work. One large city will doubtless be built on the Rainy River, possibly two, besides the smaller towns. The point that now attracts the attention of business men is Koochiching or International Falls, with Fort Frances across on the Canadian side. A company of Minneapolis capitalists have purchased the right to the immense water power at this point, and pulp and lumber mills will be built here in the near future. We have been the pioneer workers in this region. Ours is the only denomination that has erected houses of worship in this new territory. The Superintendent of Missions had the pleasure of being present last September at the dedication of an attractive chapel at International Falls. The building of this chapel was made possible by a generous gift from the Society. We have begun well; but to prosecute the work as it should be done, and to enlarge it in these new regions of these different States, will need the sympathies and aid of the Society for years to come. This pioneer work calls, to-day, not less than in early times, for strong, brave, heroic men. It is no uncommon thing for the missionaries of the Society to walk from ten to thirty miles through forests and swamps to meet their appointments.

SERIOUS PROBLEMS.

Great changes are taking place in the older sections of each of these States. Many churches are losing by reason of removals and death. Some are threatened with extinction; so that the question of continued existence becomes a serious one. Of the ninety churches in eight Associations in Wisconsin, sixty-seven report less than one hundred resident members.

Forty-three of these churches did not raise for their own home expenses, including pastor's salary and all, an amount equal to \$500. The serious question, therefore, that confronts each one of these State Conventions is, How can the existence and life of the churches in the older sections be maintained while others are organized and planted in the new territories?

FOREIGN NATIONALITIES.

Perhaps in no district is the percentage of foreign-speaking members so large as in this. More than a third of the Baptists in Minnesota are in the Scandinavian churches. They are distinguished for their loyalty to Baptist principles, and devotion to Christian work. There are evidences that the transition period is not far away, when many of these shall become English-speaking churches. In many of them English is used exclusively in the Sunday School, with the exception of a class or two for the old people. In some English is used in the Young People's meeting and in the evening service. There is a growing need for men in these churches that can preach in both the mother tongue and in English. There has been encouraging progress among the Germans and among the Russians in North Dakota, and the work begun among the Finns more than a year ago is also in a hopeful condition.

GENERAL WORKERS.

The mission work of the district is under the oversight of the same General Missionaries as have had the charge of it for many years: Rev. D. W. Hulburt, of Wisconsin; Rev. E. R. Pope, of Minnesota, and Rev. T. M. Shanafelt, D.D., of North and South Dakota, have proved themselves, by long and faithful service to be the right men in the right place. Their relation to the representative of the Society has been most cordial and harmonious. There has been the freest consultation on all questions of mutual interest to both the Society and the Convention. The Society has been represented through the Superintendent of Missions at all the meetings of the Boards of the different Conventions, when any business of importance was to be considered.

EVANGELISM.

The subject of evangelism has received attention in each of these States, especially through the cooperation of pastors in assisting one another in special work. There is reason to believe that the statistics of the year will show encouraging results from these special efforts.

The Superintendent of Missions has been permitted without interruption to render what service he could along different lines of Christian work, to promote the interests of the denomination and of Christ's kingdom in this district, and in the discharge of his two-fold duties as Superintendent and District Secretary, he has traveled more than 25,000 miles.

MISSIONARIES.

The number of missionaries commissioned by the Society in this district last year was 172. On these mission fields there were 16 churches organized, 22 chapels were built, and 16 churches became self-supporting.

TRANS-MISSISSIPPI DIVISION.

N. B. RAIRDEN, D.D., OMAHA, NEBRASKA, SUPERINTENDENT.

It has been interesting to note the growth of our churches and conventions during the past year, which, in many respects, has been the best one in their history, each State and Territory showing an increase in important particulars. I am quite sure, when the reports to the Associations are in, that it will be seen that the emphasis which has been placed on

EVANGELISM

has resulted in a larger number of conversions and baptisms in the Division as a whole, than has ever been reported in one year. The turning of the thought and attention of the people to the one great need of the world, namely: that the Gospel should be preached in its fullness with the purpose and expectation that, with God's blessing, men, women and children will be regenerated and brought into the churches, has resulted in deeper spirituality in churches and pastors and less disposition to allow unimportant matters to interfere with the great work of soul saving. This has also greatly stimulated the training of the membership for this special work. In several conventions, a spirit of revival has been present, and before the conventions adjourned, the voices of newborn souls in Christ Jesus have been heard in testimony and prayer.

Workers' conferences have been held in several States and Territories for the purpose of devising ways and means for more efficient service in soul-winning. There has been a deeper and broader study of the word of God for more thorough equipment for service. The Bible has been studied less from a critical standpoint by our pastors and Christian workers, and more with the desire to get closer to the very heart of the Gospel; resulting in their rapid spiritual growth.

PASTORLESS CHURCHES SUPPLIED

Most of the States have been unusually well supplied with pastors during the year, and yet some of the newer States have suffered for lack of efficient men for the pastorate. A distinct movement has been made to place the needs of our western fields before the graduating classes of the seminaries, and already a large increase of trained workers is assured. In many localities there is as large an opportunity for the heroic Christ-spirit as can be found anywhere. To go where little or no Christian work has ever been done, get the attention of the people, take a stand against the tide of worldliness and sin, seek to bring the Gospel to men so that by the aid of the Holy Spirit they will be converted, and then to unite these diverse elements, perhaps from as many different States and countries as there are individuals, into a compact body of Christian workers, calls for the highest type of Christian sacrifice, and heroic, consecrated Christian statesmanship. Comparatively few have the ability and the consecration to make successful missionaries on the extreme frontier;

and God's people ought to be much in prayer that He will raise up men or this character, who are ready and willing, like the apostles of old, to go into these neglected places and preach the Gospel which is the power of God unto salvation.

IOWA.

The Society has confined its work in Iowa the past year to aiding in the support of two missionaries among the Swedish people, upon the urgent request of the Swedish Conference of the State, heartily endorsed by the State Convention. The Society has also voted to aid in the erection of a new church building for the Swedish Church in Sioux City. It is earnestly hoped that the work of the Swedish Conference and Convention may be so strengthened that they will be able to take care of the work at the expiration of the present appointment.

MISSOURI.

The work of the Society in Missouri is confined to the aid given to the Western Normal College at Macon, and the support of missionaries among the colored people in co-operation with the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, the General Association of Missouri and the Negro Convention of Missouri. The General Superintendent has also had the privilege, at the request of Dr. Breaker, Corresponding Secretary of the Home and Foreign Mission Board, of attending several rallies, and speaking in the interests of the Society at important places.

NEBRASKA.

At no time in the past has the missionary work of the State been more prosperous than during the year just ended. Rev. C. W. Brinstad continues as Corresponding Secretary and General Missionary. He is a most efficient and consecrated leader. He has been especially blessed in the development of a spirit of evangelism throughout the State. Seven evangelists have been under appointment who have labored constantly in the State under the direction of the General Missionary, but without direct compensation from our mission funds. Two district missionaries have also been employed most of the time and are doing efficient work.

KANSAS.

Rev. E. B. Meredith, D.D., is Corresponding Secretary and General Missionary, completing nine years of service in this relation. The great floods which swept through the central and eastern parts of the State were very disastrous to many of our stronger churches. Appeals for the homeless, and especially for our churches in the flooded district, have seriously interfered with missionary contributions. However, the work in general has been prosperous. Dr. Meredith has a hold upon the State which few men have been able to secure. The work has been especially prosperous among the colored people, Rev. J. H. Van Leu being the District Missionary. We have some 10,000 colored Baptists in the State.

INDIAN TERRITORY.

Our cause here, in co-operation with the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, is making rapid strides under the leader-ship of J. C. Stalcup, Esq., Corresponding Secretary and General Missionary. Our forces are being unified as never before. In this work of unification, Indian University, which is supported by the Society, has had a large influence, President J. H. Scott being an important factor in the management of our mission work, as well as the leader along educational lines. The University has had a very prosperous year, a goodly number of ministerial students being in attendance, also the largest number of advanced Indian pupils. A girls' dormitory has been erected during the year. Cherokee Academy at Tahlequah has also had an excellent year. A new building has been erected, and Professor Pack is leading in the development of that institution.

Many new church buildings are being erected throughout the Territory. There are more trained men in the ministry, some very important additions being made during the past year.

OKLAHOMA.

Rev. L. L. Smith, for several years the very capable Corresponding Secretary and General Missionary, was called to his reward in November, and for a time great anxiety was felt by all interested in the work on account of this great loss. However, the Lord was better to us than our fears, and C. W. Brewer, Esq., who had been Recording Secretary of the Convention since the consolidation, was elected Acting Corresponding Secretary, to serve the remainder of the year. The Lord has so graciously blessed him in the work that at the meeting of the Board, April I, he was unanimously and heartily chosen as Corresponding Secretary and General Missionary. More new churches have been organized and more church buildings erected in Oklahoma the past year than in any other in its history. Reports from the churches at the Convention in September showed a net increase in membership of about fifty per cent. Oklahoma is increasing in population more rapidly than any other State or Territory, and a better class of population is being directed to it than upon its first settlement. Material resources are being developed along many lines. One step in advance the past year has been the appointment of a missionary at Pawhuska, who has labored half of his time among the Osage Indians. The Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention co-operates with the Society and with the Territorial Convention in the prosecution of missionary and church edifice work. One matter of great present concern is the future of Blackwell College, which is so burdened with debt that unless help comes immediately it will have to be abandoned. This would have a depressing effect upon all departments of denominational work.

COLORADO.

It has been a remarkable thing that the almost constant strikes and labor troubles in Colorado during the past year, together with the financial depression, and other misfortunes, have not more seriously affected our Baptist mission work in that State. However, real advance has been made. The Convention closed the year with a troublesome debt of nearly \$1,000, caused by the failure to realize on an amount due from a former treasurer. At its meeting in Colorado Springs the movement to make up the amount was entirely successful, good pledges being received sufficient to pay all obligations. Rev. W. B. Pope has done heroic work as Secretary and General Missionary, and has the undivided and hearty support of the churches and pastors.

NEW MEXICO AND ARIZONA.

Rev. George H. Brewer is Corresponding Secretary and General Missionary for both of these Territories, and the splendid growth during the past few years has been largely due to his efficient service in organizing and directing the work. In New Mexico the Convention held in November showed the best year's work in its history. Most gratifying was the end of some contentions, so that with entire unity and great enthusiasm the work for the new year was undertaken.

Among the Mexicans, who form about three-fourths of the population, our work has been most hopeful and efficient, and openings are presented constantly for the entrance of the gospel for this long neglected and priest-ridden people, more rapidly than the means provided enable us to enter. The seed sown many years ago by the missionaries of the Society is constantly bearing fruit, although for quite a period the work was discontinued. New churches among the white people are being organized as rapidly as means can be secured for the support of pastors.

In Arizona the Convention just held was a remarkable meeting. Growth in these new States and Territories is illustrated by the increase in Arizona. Three years ago, when the Convention was organized, there were six churches. Now we have sixteen. The missionary contributions then amounted to about \$400; the past year more than \$2,000. Dr. Lewis Halsey, pastor of the church at Phœnix, by his efficient leadership as President of the Convention, has contributed greatly to the splendid progress which has been made.

WYOMING AND UTAH.

Rev. Bruce Kinney, Salt Lake City, Corresponding Secretary and General Missionary for both these States, has done most efficient work. In Wyoming the ratio of growth in population is probably larger than that of any other State or Territory in the West, though the numerical increase does not equal that of Oklahoma. Rapid development in material things has imposed upon us more responsibility for the organization of churches and the support of missionaries at the new centers of population, as in the Big Horn Basin, in the northern part of the State. Several churches have been organized and several houses built under the efficient labors of Rev. J. M. Jones, District Missionary. The difficulty in getting good workmen for this region is partly relieved by two helpers who have just gone thither. Agricultural development in the Big Horn Basin will be greater than in any other part of the State, as the altitude is suf-

ficiently low to permit the growing of a larger variety of products. We ought to plant churches at several important points entirely destitute of religious service. Distinct progress has been made at Gillette, Cheyenne, Laramie and Evanston during the past year.

Utah is probably the most difficult mission field in the world, and yet good progress has been made during the past year, not so much among the Mormon population, though some Mormons have been reached, but particularly among the Gentile population, which frequently has to choose between Mormon service or none at all. We ought to send missionaries to at least a dozen important points not now occupied.

THE INDIANS.

The work among the blanket Indians during the past year, which is carried on independently by this Society in Oklahoma, has been marked by increase in all our churches.

Rev. Robert Hamilton, missionary among the Cheyennes, and pastor of the Cheyenne churches at Watonga and Kingfisher, has been hindered by serious illness, both of himself and family. Nevertheless the prospects are encouraging and good progress is being made in the development of the Indians in a higher and better conception of what Christian life really is. There has been less active opposition on the part of the unsaved than previously.

Among the Kiowas there has been an advance. The organization of the church at Saddle Mountain has reduced the membership of the church at Rainy Mountain, but a number have been converted and baptized by our missionary, Rev. H. H. Clouse, whose post-office address is Mountain View. One of the very hopeful features is the work that has been done at Rainy Mountain Government School by the missionaries for six years past who hold services there every Sunday evening, and who have the sympathetic co-operation of Mrs. Dunn, Superintendent of the school. Rev. G. W. Hicks, and his mission church at Elk Creek, entertained the Indian Association, and a number have been added to this church by conversion and baptism. The new church organized at Saddle Mountain, under the direction of the Women's Baptist Home Mission Society of Chicago, has no pastor as yet, but the new house has been dedicated and the foundation laid for efficient work for the future. Miss Belle Crawford is the missionary at this point.

It has been a prosperous year for the Comanche Mission, under the care of Rev. E. C. Deyo and wife, who also hold services at the Comanche Government School near Lawton. The missionaries labored here for years without any visible results, but are now given the blessed privilege of reaping the fruitage of their labor. Mrs. Deyo and Mrs. Clouse, of Rainy Mountain Mission, are appointees of the Women's Baptist Home Mission Society of Chicago, and also of the Government as Field Matrons.

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Rev. L. J. Dyke has wrought faithfully during the past year. The Caddo chapel, which was left very inconveniently located by the new gov-

ernment survey which was made after the chapel was built, has been moved to a better location, and renewed efforts will be made to reach these people who are so greatly degraded through mescal eating and the ghost dance superstitions. Mr. Dyke also has services in the Riverside Government School for the Wichita and Caddo children, who are feeling the impress of his devoted spirit. The Wichitas are turning to him for advice and counsel more than formerly. Mrs. Dyke and Mrs. Hicks of Elk Creek, both very efficient, are supported by the Woman's American Baptist Home Mission Society of Boston.

ARAPAHOS.

Rev. F. L. King and wife have labored earnestly during the past year, but have not been permitted to see large results. However, they believe that the Lord's promise will be fulfilled that His Word shall not return unto Him void. It takes a heroic Christian spirit to labor on year after year without seeing actual conversions and baptisms, but this is the history of almost every mission among a heathen people. The personal influence of the missionaries is being felt in this tribe, and results are sure to come in the Lord's own good time.

NEEDS.

We need an increase of at least twenty-five per cent. in appropriations for this Division for missions and Church Edifice work.

We need a fresh anointing of the Holy Spirit upon all our workers that we may do better work for Christ and the lost.

We need the special sympathy and constant prayers of all God's people for this, the greatest Home Mission field in North America.

THE PACIFIC DIVISION: MONTANA, IDAHO, WASHINGTON, OREGON, CALIFORNIA, NEVADA, AND ALASKA.

C. A. WOODDY, D.D., PORTLAND, OREGON, GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT.

The general condition of the work in this division is excellent. A larger proportion than usual of the churches have the care of settled pastors and are enjoying much spiritual prosperity. No serious difficulties disturb the fellowship of our churches, and there are but few churches, on the Coast that are not in sympathy and coöperation with our organized Convention work.

The General Missionaries in the division have been at their posts all the year with the exception of but a few days, and no changes have occurred in their number or fields. They have addressed themselves most earnestly to their duties, giving much time to evangelistic work, though in the nature of the case administrative and financial matters demand much of their time and attention.

EVANGELISM IN THIS DIVISION.

I made a most earnest, though unavailing effort last Fall to secure the attendance upon each of our Conventions of some brother qualified to hold

evangelistic conferences. At each of these State meetings earnest and detailed discussion of this form of work was had, deepening the conviction as to its place and importance. I have furnished the missionaries of the Society and some other pastors two booklets upon this general subject, which have been very helpful. It is impossible to give any comparative statistics on the amount or fruitage of evangelistic work done in this field, no previous efforts having been made to tabulate them. Much more time has been given to this sort of work, and the results cannot all be tabulated. There is a lack of qualified men as Convention evangelists. But one of the seven Conventions in this field has secured a capable leader for this work. Arrangements are being made for at least three others at the opening of the next year's work.

In March I addressed 275 letters to pastors in my field, asking for a few facts as to the amount of evangelistic work done by them in their own and in other fields. At this date I have received replies from 185. Some reported no meetings held either in their own or other churches. The following table gives the results as shown by the letters reporting meetings. What the modification of the table would have been had I received replies from every pastor is a matter for conjecture. Those not reporting are for the most part the small and the remote fields:

SUMMARY OF EVANGELISTIC WORK FROM APRIL 1, 1903, to APRIL 1, 1904, PACIFIC DIVISION.

Names of States from which Re- ports were made.	Number of Re-	Number of Meetings Held.	Number of Weeks Meetings Held.	Meetings Held by Pa-tors.	Meetings Held by Evangelists.	Professed Conversions.	Added by Baptism as Result of These Meetings.	Added by Letter and Otherwise.	Total Additions.
California	57	69	178	26	43	824 485	425	277	70 2 604
Washington	48	71	187	60	1 I 12	722	350 486	254	691
OregonIdaho	45	57	169 65	45	15	113	61	41	102
Montana	19	10	26	9	1	41	27	22	49
Nevada	1	2	5	I	ī	40	25	6	31
Totals	178	228	630	145	92	2225	1374	805	2179

I think that at least 20 other meetings have been arranged for, or are in progress as this report is being written, so that the actual number of such meetings held this year as the result of last fall's planning, will aggregate not less than 250. The totals reported are necessarily somewhat

incomplete, but the actual totals of results in conversions and baptisms are larger than appear herein. Frequently where no stated series of evangelistic meetings has been held, the Sunday evening services have been of this character. The table attempts to gather up only the immediate results of special evangelistic meetings. I have made this table with the hope that through similar efforts by others we may secure the data for a more careful study of evangelistic work, both as to its methods and as to its immediate results.

In California about three-fifths of the meetings were conducted by evangelists, while in Oregon and Washington nearly five-sixths of the work has been done by pastors. That 178 men have been in the heat and stress of evangelistic work during some part of the past year is most encouraging and striking. From careful and extended observation I am convinced that we shall see far greater and more widely distributed results in the next year than in the year now closed.

IRRIGATION AND EXPANSION.

The attention of the whole West has for the last year or two been much directed to the matter of irrigation, and the reclamation of large tracts' of desert land. Now that the General Government has taken hold of this matter we shall see some very large regions, formerly valueless, become garden spots. Ten years ago in India the desert of Rechna Doab had not a single inhabitant. By irrigation under government direction this desert now has 800,000 people living comfortably there and producing immense harvests of such products as are native to that region. That miracle in lesser measure will be repeated in a large number of spots in the arid West. I have lately visited in the Southeastern part of California one such region. The water of the Colorado River has been brought around the rim of a basin that represents an area of more than 50 by 30 miles in California and almost as large an area in the peninsula of Lower California. Hundreds of farms are now producing large and frequent harvests and hundreds more are being prepared for cultivation. Four villages or centers have already developed and others will be planted before the end of this year and thousands of people will be on these farms. A permanent and a thrifty population seems assured. General Missionary Petty refers to this matter under the title of Imperial, which is the name of one of the villages. In Central Nevada the General Government is taking the water of the Truckee River, which is the outlet of Lake Tahoe, and leading it into an immense storage reservoir, from which it will be distributed in the proper season to the lands in what is known as Carson Sink. Other lands adjacent to the canal will be irrigated directly so that a considerable area in the vicinity of Wadsworth and perhaps as far East as Lovelocks will be benefited by this enterprise. This will mean thousands of new homes in that part of the State of Nevada. The center of the Carson Sink region in Churchill County is Fallon, and here we must at once establish a church and locate a missionary. Indeed, this whole country is now dependent upon Baptists for its religious welfare.

Other similar regions in Eastern Oregon and in Southern Idaho are already being surveyed and canals located that will bring thousands of acres into cultivation. One single enterprise involves the irrigation of 270,000 acres in a continuous body which will provide homes for 2,500 farmers with the villages which would accompany such an agricultural development. All this development calls for new men and extensive enlargement. Various other large enterprises are developing other sections of this great field so that each of our Conventions will be confronted at its next annual session with the problem of how to spread its already too small funds over a still greater area.

OUR GROWING CITIES.

Figures might be given to show the rapid increase in population through immigration. The great railroad systems which serve this Coast have in the last eighteen months organized a large and an expensive Eastern Bureau or Department for Promoting Immigration. Low rates and the persistent exploitation of all our varied resources by this bureau is having its expected result in a steady stream of new-comers. Our cities in all parts of the Coast show this in a marked degree. The calls are urgent for more vigorous and enlarged prosecution of our City work in Spokane, in Seattle, in Tacoma, in Portland, in San Francisco and in Los Angeles. In several of these cities Baptist City Mission Societies have been recently organized to work in cooperation with the Convention and the Home Mission Society. The great problem in all is how to secure suitable houses of worship.

ORIENTAL WORK IN THE OCCIDENT.

Our work with the Chinese and the Japanese, on the whole, has been quite encouraging. In Seattle the new property secured for the Chinese has already been of much help to them and eventually will prove to be almost a sufficient endowment to carry on the work. The house on the Japanese property has been much improved. In Tacoma an option has been secured on a valuable property for a Japanese mission and a Japanese brother is making a canvass for funds among his people on the Coast, his father, in Japan, having pledged \$500 for this purpose. The enterprise calls for the fullest coöperation by all to whom the appeal may come.

Interest is being aroused in California concerning work among the Japanese, who are there in large numbers, some Baptists being among them. I have secured figures from Rev. F. Okazaki, our missionary in Seattle, which lead me to believe that the number of Japanese on the Coast is above 35,000. More than 20,000 of these are in California, where thus far Baptists have done nothing at all for their religious welfare.

ALASKA.

In Alaska there has been no enlargement. Rev. G. S. Clevenger and wife have devoted themselves during the last year to the interests of the Copper River Indians about Copper Center, and to preaching to the white

men who are in that vicinity. The steady and abiding development of this great territory demands that at no distant day Baptists shall take their full share in its religious development. While the exact ocean terminus may not yet have been decided upon, there can be little doubt that a railroad will be built into the interior from some point about the Kenai peninsula. A letter just received from the United States Commissioner on this peninsula urges that we secure property for a church at once at Seward on Discovery Bay, as the probable terminus. This is about 170 miles west of Valdez. There is imperative reason for urging that plans be made for putting a missionary at once into this region. Towns now exist in numbers sufficient to give such a man all the work that he well can do.

OPPORTUNITIES AND PROBLEMS.

As I travel over this great region, known as the Pacific Division, I am more and more impressed that the denomination has here one of the greatest and most promising mission fields in the world. Its varied climate and productions; its development actual and prospective; its relations to the older portions of our country and to the Oriental world when seen in proper perspective, all intensify this impression in my mind. We have had development religiously as well as materially; this has brought to us some strength and fashioned us for some high purposes, but it has added more opportunities and problems than it has met. This is still a missionary field in the largest and truest sense and calls now as imperatively as at any time in the past for all of help and cooperation our brethren can give to us. This will be true for years to come. There is more "new country" here than twenty years ago, and ten years hence there will be more than now. Details on this point will in part be found in the reports of the General Missionaries from this Division. In behalf of this great region I thank the Society and all its helpers for the assistance in things material and spiritual in the years of the past and beseech a sympathy most intelligent, and a cooperation the most practical in the years to come.

WISCONSIN.

REV. D. W. HULBURT, WAUWATOSA, GENERAL MISSIONARY.

Our convention employed last year forty missionaries, of whom five were general and district missionaries. The mission churches received into membership 201, of whom 109 were by baptism.

During the year three Baptist churches were organized. Six chapels, erected at a cost of \$10,565, were aided from the Chapel Fund. Five churches became self-supporting.

The expenditures of the convention for the general work were \$10,-102.32; the receipts for the same were \$8,205.42. The expenditures for chapels were \$1,700; the receipts for the same were \$1,911.26. The total expenditures were \$685.65 more than the receipts.

At our annual meeting last October the applications for assistance from the general fund, exclusive of Chapel Work, footed up \$14,000.

In the northern part of our State there is great need and abundant opportunity to organize this present year a score of churches, every one of which would need a chapel, but instead of this our financial inability is such that our missionaries are under instructions not to enter any new fields unless arrangements can be made to support the work apart from our convention. To take up new work this year would simply mean the abandoning of fields which we are helping before they are able to support themselves.

EVANGELISM.

Our convention has not employed a State evangelist this year, but in every way has encouraged evangelism. Several evangelists have been working in the State independently. In many instances pastors have exchanged with pastors. Some of our pastors of large churches have aided in four evangelistic meetings. It is too early to make accurate statements as to results, but the work has been very gratifying indeed.

MINNESOTA.

REV. E. R. POPE, MINNEAPOLIS, GENERAL MISSIONARY.

The number of workers for the year has been 63, of whom 52 were pastors. These latter served 58 fields and 53 out-stations, while the District Missionaries reached at least 50 places that would otherwise have been untouched. All these brethren worked 2,453 weeks, preaching 7,577 sermons to an average congregation of 2,700. They made 17,763 visits. The membership of the mission churches is 2,851, 348 of whom were added during the year, 100 by baptism. These churches own property valued at \$125,000, with debts of \$9,000. They have raised for all local expenses \$29,150, including \$11,976 for debts and improvements. They gave for beneficence \$2,314. Seventy-one Sunday Schools are maintained in connection with the churches, 10 of which were organized during the year.

Progress is to be seen in the six new churches organized, the six churches that have become self-sustaining, the seven houses of worship valued at \$15,860 dedicated, and four other buildings in process of erection, and the work begun at at least twelve points.

The advance work has been mostly done in northern Minnesota, where conditions are such as to require much pioneering work for many years to come. Baptists have the advantage along the northern boundary of Minnesota in the ownership of three chapels, the only ones in that region, and in the possession of the only church organization on the American side of the Rainy River. To keep and strengthen this hold will require nearly \$1,000 the coming year, which must be increased, as new points are opened up for the next half dozen years or more. The work, having been begun vigorously, should be most earnestly pressed.

EVANGELISM.

Much emphasis has been put upon evangelism. The State Convention Board elected a State Evangelist, but the brother was unable to accept the appointment, and as no suitable person was available no further action was taken. However, the pastors' evangelistic work has been better systematized and more strongly emphasized than ever. Thirty-six brethren have held meetings in forty-six places. Full results cannot be given, as reports are not in. Conversions seem to have been more numerous than for some time past, though from lack of proper facilities baptisms have been postponed in several instances. A series of nine evangelistic conferences were held during November and December, which helped materially in stimulating the evangelistic spirit. Much additional work has been done by the Scandinavian and German brethren.

When we look ahead, the need of work—much more work—is very manifest. At least nine church buildings should be erected this year, and the number of fields to be occupied is limited only by our ability to sustain them after work is once begun. There are certainly a dozen places that ought to be taken at once. Four lines of railroad are now pushing northward to the Canadian boundary through new territory. On each of these lines we ought to have a worker to enter many of the new towns. In other sections of the State several places present excellent opportunities for work. If Baptists are to maintain their present standing in Minnesota there must be expended at least \$16,000 a year, while, if real progress shall be made, a conservative estimate would require \$20,000.

SOUTH DAKOTA AND NORTH DAKOTA.

T. M. SHANAFELT, D.D., HURON, S. D., GENERAL MISSIONARY.

SOUTH DAKOTA.

During the year thirty-six missionaries have labored on thirty-nine fields and forty-five out-stations on their fields. Two new churches have been organized, three houses of worship, valued at \$4,250, have been built, and two parsonages, worth over \$3,000, have been secured. One church became self-supporting, and two others will probably ask no further assistance after next October. A former Freewill Baptist Church, whose house of worship and parsonage are worth at least \$4,000, has been unanimously recognized by a large council as a regular Baptist Church.

The tide of immigration is not diminishing, and new villages and farming communities are rapidly increasing in number. The way is open for the organization of at least three or four new churches, but this will be useless if there is to be any reduction in the amount of assistance received during the coming year. The churches are making a heroic effort to meet the amount of the reduction made a year ago, but it will be impossible for others to meet another reduction, unless it is delayed at least

a couple of years. Not less than half a dozen church edifices ought to be built, and at least nine or ten new fields ought to be occupied without delay.

EVANGELISM.

A large amount of evangelistic work has been done and is now in progress. A few evangelists from outside of the State have labored in some localities, but nearly all of the work has been done by district missionaries and pastors, according to a carefully arranged plan, adopted at the last meeting of the State Convention.

NORTH DAKOTA.

Thirty-three missionaries have supplied thirty-seven churches and forty out-stations. Five churches have been organized, and six church edifices built. Total valuation of the latter, \$7,500. During the coming year a larger number of churches ought to be organized, and at least as many houses of worship built. It is desirable that this enlargement should be on new fields.

Only those who are familiar with the field can fully realize its needs and the disaster that will follow retrenchment if the amount of missionary aid is reduced a dollar. In States where there is only a moderate increase in population a reduction may be possible without seriously crippling the work, but such a thing is impossible in North Dakota. As shown by the last census the percentage of increase in population during the last decade was marvellous, and it has been still larger since 1900.

NEBRASKA.

REV. C. W. BRINSTAD, OMAHA, GENERAL MISSIONARY.

It is with profound gratitude to God that we are able to report that the last has been the best year in many respects since 1900. For this very large success credit must be given to the American Baptist Home Mission Society for its hearty co-operation in the evangelization of our State, and to its representative, Rev. N. B. Rairden, D.D., Superintendent of the Trans-Mississippi Division, who by his wise counsels has assisted to direct our forces to the best advantage. During the year closing March 31, 1904, 46 missionaries have been under appointment. Of these 33 have served as pastors, 7 as evangelists, 5 as district missionaries and I as General Missionary. Sixty-three churches have been supplied and 41 out-stations. The following is a part of the results accomplished: 753 have been added to the churches, 517 by baptism and 236 otherwise. During the year 7 new churches have been organized, 8 mission churches have assumed self-support, 12 church edifices have been built at a total valuation of \$31,900. There are still 35 Baptist churches in the State that have no place of worship of their own, and at least 15 of these must build during the coming year. Nearly all of them will require the assistance of the State Convention and Home Mission Society. With an expenditure of \$3,000 from the Church Edifice department we could secure property for the denomination upon the above fields valued at from \$30,000 to \$40,000, but as the Church Edifice Fund of the State Convention has overdrawn its account several hundred dollars it is apparent than contributions are needed not only to pay obligations of the past, but to provide means for present emergencies. It is difficult to state how many new fields ought to be occupied during the coming year. Along the main line of the Northwestern Railroad from Battle Creek to Chadron there is a distance of 270 miles without a self-supporting Baptist church, and within this distance there are only three mission churches. There are at least twelve places, some of them important towns of a thousand or more population, that ought to be occupied and would be if we only had the money to help support missionaries. There are at least twenty other points scattered over the State that should be entered by our denomination during the coming year. It is out of the question, however, to undertake new work on a large scale while there are still fifty-one Baptist churches in Nebraska that have no regular services, for the simple reason that the State Convention does not have the means to assist in the support of pastors.

EVANGELISM.

During the past year Evangelism has received special emphasis. feature of the work has been under the immediate supervision of a special committee, appointed for that purpose by the State Convention, who have sought to enlist the services of every man in the State who has had evengelistic gifts. Seven evangelists have been employed, four of whom have given nearly their entire time. Four district missionaries have been employed most of the year and these have gone into destitute communities and pastorless churches, holding special meetings, organizing circuits, settling pastors, paying off debts and doing such other work as would strengthen the cause in the communities visited. In addition to the above a large number of pastors have given two or three weeks of their time in evangelistic efforts where most needed. The following results may be safely stated: Three-fourths of our churches have been revived and stimulated to further efforts; more people have been converted and added to our churches through baptism during the past six months than at any similar period for a large number of years; as a direct result of this evangelistic movement a large number of pastors have been located in communities that heretofore had manifested but little interest; 8 new churches have been organized and 15 new preaching stations have been opened.

It is encouraging to note that the feeling of pessimism and despair which prevailed a few years ago is giving place to a spirit of optimism and courage. This is due largely to the ability and devotion of the men who have been secured as pastors of our churches during the last three or four years.

The spirit of cooperation and aggressiveness which has been characterizing our Board of Managers in recent years is spreading throughout

the State and there seems to be a growing disposition on the part of most of our people to unite our forces in a systematic and thorough evangelization of Nebraska. The future is full of promise as also of difficult problems to be solved. It is of the utmost importance that the churches still remaining pastorless should be taken care of without delay. This could be done with an additional expenditure of about \$3,000 over that which was raised last year for State Missions. With this accomplished and three or four extra district missionaries in the field it would seem that Nebraska Baptists would be in excellent condition to make a rapid advancement towards the accomplishment of their ideal, "Nebraska for Christ."

KANSAS.

E. B. MEREDITH, D.D., KANSAS CITY, GENERAL MISSIONARY.

The year has been one of steady progress and growth in the State. During the Convention year ending Oct. 1st, 1903, we had 49 missionaries under appointment who had pastoral care of 64 churches and 49 preaching stations. Besides this, efficient work was done by the district missionaries in holding meetings and assisting perhaps as many more churches.

We have besides the general missionary, I district missionary among the American white churches; I among the colored people, besides 9 missionary pastors; I among the Swedes and I pastor; and I among the French.

The missionaries of the Society reported 1,764 weeks of service, 5,117 sermons, 410 baptisms, 354 received by letter, and show 10 of the mission churches brought to self-supprot. The missionary work of the year has been greatly blessed and the evangelistic spirit has been strong.

During the year in the State 5 new houses of worship have been dedicated free of debt at a cost of \$10,700. The reports show 2,706 baptisms, or 1 for every 16 members, the total membership being 42,892. Those received in other ways number 2,263, and the total net increase is 1,054. There is 1 Baptist to every 35 of population.

The coming year we ought to aid in the erection of 14 new houses of worship and to enter 15 new fields with missionaries.

The State is growing in population and new cities are springing up faster than we can possibly care for them. The gas, oil, coal and mineral fields in the southeast part of the State are developing with wonderful rapidity, and we are not able nearly to meet the demand that is upon us.

Western Kansas, constituting an area 200 miles square, is being filled up rapidly and steadily with settlers on the farms. Some of these new-comers are Baptists, but unless we have the missionary to meet them many of them are lost to the denomination.

Several counties have no Baptist work, as yet, begun in them.

The work done among the colored people, which constitutes about one-

fourth of our constituency, also among the Swedes and French, has been profitable, and we must not cease our efforts in their behalf.

The floods of last summer added to the fire that burned the Ottawa University building, have laid heavy financial burdens upon the churches of Kansas and hindered doing the missionary work we might have otherwise done.

EVANGELISM.

No evangelists have been employed, under pay of the Convention, except the district missionaries, who spend the larger part of their time in holding evangelistic meetings with the weaker churches, but the Convention endorsed four evangelists to work in the State in co-operation with the general missionary, receiving their pay from the fields served. Three of these worked most of the year in the State. Besides, we have a plan at our associational meetings of getting pastors to pledge from two to three weeks' work with the new and weaker churches, and pastoral exchange has been encouraged.

The work secured by these plans and the occasional evangelist who has come to the State have given us a good year of evangelistic effort.

Pains are taken at all our public gatherings to cultivate the evangelistic spirit among the pastors.

This is the fiftieth year in which aid has come from the Home Mission Society into Kansas, and we rejoice over and greatly appreciate the great work done. Of the 31 churches in the State, now reporting over 200 members each, all but one have received large aid from the Society. Last year, when the floods nearly ruined several of our church properties and left the pastors without support, the Society came forward with a special gift, which was greatly needed and appreciated.

Rev. N. B. Rairden, D.D., of Omaha, Neb., the Superintendent of Missions for the Society, has now for ten years been most helpful with his wise counsels and hearty sympathy in the work. His large experience in missionary work enables him to be of great assistance in solving the problems on these Western fields.

Last year the Society helped the Convention with \$3,500 to our \$4,000. We wish we could say we can do with less, but with the great opportunities opening before us and the imperative demands we still ask the same, if possible, for another year.

OKLAHOMA.

C. W. BREWER, ESQ., NORMAN, GENERAL MISSIONARY.

During the year ending March 31st, 1904, 48 Baptist churches have been organized in Oklahoma, 20 houses of worship have been erected at a cost of \$23,000, 12 houses of worship are under construction, and 25 are planning. There are at least 125 church organizations without any house of worship except the District School house. In Comanche County alone there are 30 churches and only 4 houses of worship, while in

Greer County there are 46 churches and 10 houses of worship. There is a pressing demand for the organization of more churches and for the erection of not less than 75 houses of worship during the coming year. During the past year 7 churches heretofore aided have become self-supporting and others will follow soon.

Within the last year 135 new railroad towns have been laid out and built, and not more than one-half of these have any Baptist church. At no time in the history of Oklahoma has the demand been greater or the prospects brighter for effective missionary effort. There are not less than 100 new fields where work should be taken up during the coming year. Woods County and Woodward County, both very large counties, are now thickly settled, and we have had during the past year only one district missionary and three missionary pastors, and there is not a self-supporting church, with regular preaching, in either county. Beaver County is being settled very fast, is 32 miles by 130, and is practically untouched.

EVANGELISM.

No general evangelist has been employed during the year, but a number of our missionary pastors have done voluntary work along this line and the policy of the Society in building up the centers of influence has again demonstrated its usefulness. We are beginning to reap what has been sown. There seems to be a general desire among our people to promote the plan started by the Society for more extensive evangelistic work. There is a better understanding and appreciation of the work of the Society. This is partly accounted for in the fact that our means of communication have improved and there is a better understanding of the work being done.

Another feature of the Society's work which our people very much appreciate is the Church Edifice work. While the gift fund is not large it has done a great deal in stimulating churches to greater efforts and much good has been accomplished. The reduction in rate of interest and the change in the plan of the loan fund have been appreciated and the plan gives entire satisfaction wherever tried.

The good effects of the cooperative system in Oklahoma are being felt as never before and every day the wisdom of the plan is more manifest. The decrease in sectional prejudice has been marvelous and it is directly traceable to the existing plan of mission work. In a marked degree we are getting out of the beaten paths of sectionalism and are joining hands on a higher plane of Christian fellowship and brotherly love.

INDIAN TERRITORY.

J. C. STALCUP, ESQ., SO. MCALESTER, CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

For the six months ending March 31, 1904—the length of time I have been in office—63 missionaries were laboring under the coöperative plan with the Home Mission Society and the Home Mission Board of Atlanta.

There has been a growing spirit of unity and devotion to our work in this territory. We report 255 baptisms, 4 churches that have come to self-support, 27 new fields occupied, 11 church edifices erected or in process of erection by aid from the cooperating bodies. We ought to occupy 20 new fields the coming year and erect at least 25 meeting houses.

The religious destitution in this country is increasing with greater rapidity than our prosperity; that is, the rapid filling up of new towns as well as of the country districts is creating important fields faster than our ability to occupy them. We are undertaking to raise \$6,000 for territorial missions this year, or about as much as the total for three years previous. Larger work is imperatively demanded for the Indians who are so generally Baptist in sentiment. I do not believe there is another place in the United States where the same amount of money and effort, wisely expended, will produce as great returns as in the Indian Territory.

The subject of evangelism was made prominent in our Convention last fall, and we have just closed a two days' Workers' Conference at So. Mc-Alester, at which about 100 of our best pastors and laymen were present. Special emphasis was laid on evangelistic work, with a forward movement for the next three months. It was a pleasure to have with us Dr. Chivers, Dr. Rairden and Rev. Mr. Franklin, representing the Society, all of whom contributed very materially to the success of the meeting. The outlook for the coming year is very promising.

COLORADO.

REV. W. B. POPE, PUEBLO, GENERAL MISSIONARY.

Notwithstanding strikes, labor disturbances, business depression, social and industrial unrest, we have just closed the most remarkable year in the history of organized Baptist effort in the State. The net gain in membership is 1,926, or nearly 20 per cent. The additions to our mission churches reached almost 600, while the entire field shows about 850 baptisms. Forty men were under commission for a part or all of the year, and for the support of these men our churches raised \$5,044.10, or more than 22 per cent. over the contributions of last year. Nine churches and a number of Sunday Schools were organized, while six houses of worship and two parsonages were completed during the same period. The last year also witnessed a vigorous debt-paying campaign in many of our churches.

EVANGELISM.

We are still sadly lacking in well-organized evangelistic effort. Considerable has been done in this line of service, but each worker has been a law unto himself, his efforts being mainly devoted to his own locality without reference to the needs of the whole field. However, we are hopeful of better methods and better results in the immediate future, as the matter of at least one all-time evangelist for the State is now being seriously considered. The need of a general awakening to the importance of

well-directed evangelistic effort is beginning to be felt among us, and greater emphasis in future will be placed upon this need.

When it is remembered that Colorado has 28 counties without Baptist church or Sunday School, some idea of the extent of this great field, "white unto harvest," may be formed. With the alarming destitution always before us, we dare not think of retrenchment. Expansion is the only word. We ought to enter twenty new towns, organize churches and erect houses of worship, within the next year. The Gospel as believed and preached by Baptists ought to be carried into at least six of the twenty-eight destitute counties during the next twelve months, and aid to the amount \$2,500 should be available to assist eight of our homeless churches in securing houses of worship.

The results already achieved by the Baptist denomination in Colorado are almost entirely due to the aid of our brethren through the medium of the Home Mission Society. Forty years ago the fathers, with prophetic vision, began to cast the precious seed into Rocky Mountain soil. Every step was a step of faith: every act an act of faith. There has been a great yield. More than 11,000 persons are now gathered into the ninety Baptist churches in the State, and the next year should witness 1,000 baptisms. There is no more hopeful field to be found. No State in the Union has a brighter outlook or promises a larger yield from the standpoint of consecrated service.

In the splendid advancement of recent years much credit belongs to Rev. N. B. Rairden, D.D., Superintendent of the Trans-Mississippi Division of the Home Mission Society. Dr. Rairden is a man of fine poise and rare judgment and enjoys the love and esteem of his entire constituency. May he be long spared to the Society and to us.

In the discharge of his duties it has been necessary for the General Missionary of Colorado to travel more than 30,000 miles during the last year; write thousands of letters; solicit funds to carry on the work; dedicate churches; attend councils; baptize candidates and administer the Lord's Supper; edit a paper, &c., &c., and to render much other service which it is not possible to tabulate here.

UTAH AND WYOMING.

REV. BRUCE KINNEY, SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH, GENERAL MISSIONARY.

UTAH.

It has been a year of some discouragements, but of some victories as well. No new churches have been organized but five regular preaching stations have been opened. Ogden has become self-supporting and has a splendid future. No church edifices have been built, but the Murray building has been completed and dedicated. We hope to organize new churches at some of the missions and in that case some new buildings will be a necessity during the coming year.

In regard to evangelistic work I would say that during the last Convention year our membership increased by baptism over 13 per cent. This

was largely the result of special evangelistic effort which, however, cost the Convention nothing. The work was done by the General Missionary or by evangelists who were supported by offerings on the fields where they labored. Our evangelistic campaign for this year is just now beginning and no results can yet be predicted. By authority of the churches concerned I arranged with Dr. L. D. Lamkin to hold a series of meetings with the church at Ogden and with the First and East Side churches in Salt Lake City. This without cost to the Convention. We have also engaged Rev. L. J. Baker of Ohio to do evangelistic work with the smaller churches and preaching stations for the next three months. The work is stronger upon all of our fields than last year, with one exception, which is due to many removals and long vacancy in the pastorate.

There are many fields which should be opened; over 30 towns in Utah with a population of from 500 to 1,500 each with no evangelistic work. Fields specially open to us are as follows:

1. Milford and Frisco. Each town has about 600 people with no church, and they are situated in the center of a large and growing mining community in which a new million dollar concentrating mill is being built.

2. We should have a worker at Eureka where there are 3,500 people with only one evangelistic church and that small. There are fully one dozen Baptists eager for an organization. The town never shipped more ore than now and the time is especially ripe.

3. The First Church of Salt Lake City has two missions owning their own property. The time is about ripe to place one man over these two missions. The city is on the verge of a greater growth than it has ever known and much of it will be on the west side, where these already flourishing missions are.

4. A railroad is building through the northeast part of the State through a rich and entirely undeveloped reservation which is about to be opened to settlement. In all this empire there is only one evangelical church.

5. On this reservation there are also 4,000 Indians for whom there is as yet no Gospel.

WYOMING.

Churches which had become almost extinct have been reorganized in a flourishing condition at Basin and Shell. A new organization has just been effected at Jordan. Buildings have been completed at Gillette worth \$2,500.00, at Meeteetse \$1,500.00, at Shell \$1,200.00 and plans are now in progress for a building at Jordan. It is hoped to organize at Hulett. Jordan and Hulett will probably want aid from the Church Edifice Fund and perhaps one or two other places.

Laramie and Cheyenne have become self-supporting.

During the coming year work should be begun at the following places:

1. In the coal towns of Dietz and Monarch near Sheridan. They already have a population of 2,000 and another town is being built by a new

company which, it is claimed, will be the model coal town of Wyoming.

2. A new road is being projected from Casper west into the heart of the State. We should be ready to open work along its line. Indeed there is ample opportunity to begin if the road does not materialize.

3. Thermopolis and Garland, two of the most promising towns in the

Basin, are open doors which have not been entered.

4. The coal towns of Kemmerer and immediate vicinity, with 3,000

people, are almost destitute of religious opportunities.

In regard to evangelistic work I would say that Evangelistic McKeehan brought splendid results to pass in Basin, Beaver Creek and Evanston. He also labored in Gillette and Laramie. In the first three mentioned places about 60 were added under the most difficult circumstances. Independent evangelistic effort has resulted in a large ingathering at Cheyenne, where people thought that nothing could be done. We have arranged for further evangelistic effort in the immediate future.

I would further say that our experiments in special evangelistic work on needy fields have been most satisfactory and fully warrant our doing more in that direction in the future. Special mention should be made of the work done by District Missionary Jones, assisted by Rev. H. L. Wilkinson, at Shell and Jordan. We hope that more such work can be done another war without special cost to the Convention.

another year without special cost to the Convention.

The most discouraging feature connected with our Wyoming workthis last year has been the fact that various fields have been vacant for an aggregate of more than 32 months. Some of these have been among our most important fields and this fact has necessitated the temporary engagement of some workers. We are expecting that most of our troubles in this regard are over and that the future is bright with promise.

NEW MEXICO AND ARIZONA.

REV. GEO. H. BREWER, PHOENIX, ARIZ., GENERAL MISSIONARY.

The past year has been by far the best year in the history of our work in these two territories. Distinct progress has been made on almost every field receiving aid from the Conventions and Society's funds.

In New Mexico 8 new churches have been organized, 4 new meeting houses have been erected and over \$6,000 raised on mission fields for building improvements. This is a larger sum for this purpose than has been raised during any three previous years. Prior to the organization of the New Mexico Convention in 1891, no building improvements had been made for a period of eight years. Upwards of 80 persons have been baptized by the missionaries under appointment.

This coming year buildings are urgently needed at Clayton, Aztec, Tucumcari, Elida, Hagerman, Artesia, Mexican Church at Las Vegas, Deming and Mexican Church at Roswell. At Clayton, Aztec and Mexican Church, Roswell, buildings are now actually under construction. The new fields awaiting our entrance, and where work ought to begin this year

are as follows: Estancia, a town of 1,000 inhabitants, on the new Santa Fe Central Railway, has no church organization; Farmington, a rapidly growing city in the rich San Juan Valley, with 1,500 people and a good nucleus of Baptists urging their claims upon us; Logan, a town of 500 people, and growing continually, and entirely destitute of Gospel privileges. These

are a few of the most urgent fields demanding early attention.

Many thousands of Mexicans scattered in all parts of this great Territory have never heard the Gospel preached. Missionaries with a command of the Spanish language, would have a ready hearing and without question, our Mexican work, now embracing 5 organized churches and 8 out-stations, could be doubled within the year. Evangelistic work has been done by the General Missionary, District Missionary and Missionary Pastors upon 8 of the fields with splendid results. A competent evangelist devoting his full time to New Mexico is greatly needed.

In Arizona the work of the year has been one of progress and development. Two new churches were organized, 3 new meeting houses erected and over \$3,000 raised on the mission fields for Church Edifice work. Meeting houses are in process of erection at Douglas and at Safford. Buildings are greatly needed at Benson, Tombstone and in the Fowler district, near Phoenix, where a church organization has recently been effected.

New fields where work ought to be undertaken this year are as follows: Kingman, a town of 1,000 people, on the main line of the A. T. & Santa Fe Railway; Bisbee, a city of 8,000 people, in the southeastern section of the Territory, and a very attractive opening for work among the

30,000 Mexicans within the Territory.

The Territory is experiencing a very serious drouth during the present year, there having been no snow in the mountains or rain in the valleys for almost one year. Water for irrigation and for stock is consequently very scarce, but a poor year in Arizona would be considered a good year almost anywhere else, and we are hopeful to make this coming year the best of all.

On the whole, the work in both Territories was never on a better footing than now. We have a magnificent body of missionaries hard at work and each one is bringing things to pass.

A more earnest endeavor to win souls to Christ is the burden of our hearts and the purpose with which we begin the new year.

MONTANA AND SOUTHERN IDAHO.

REV. L. G. CLARK, HELENA, MONTANA, GENERAL MISSIONARY.

While our work in Montana and Southern Idaho has not made swift advancement, yet some substantial progress has been made during the past year.

MONTANA.

In Montana we now have 26 churches with a total membership of about 1,850. Only three (3) of these churches are self-supporting. Two churches have been organized during the past year. One has become self-

supporting. This is the church at Kalispell, where, under the wise and heroic leadership of Rev. J. W. Falls, the church has for eleven years been meeting and overcoming almost insurmountable obstacles. Could the full history of this church be made known, I am sure it would be not only interesting, but also very surprising to many who do not and can not understand what it costs to establish a Baptist church in some sections of the new West. Money is not the only precious thing that has to be given to such work. Heart and life itself have often to be put upon the altar. No new church buildings have been erected during the year, but work has been continued on the house at Billings, and a number of our churches have been doing excellent work in paying debts on their church edifices or parsonages. The value of our church property is about \$85,000.00, other property \$25,000.00, total \$111,000.00.

Rev. W. G. Evans has been appointed as District Missionary for the Flathead Valley, and has been doing good work in that part of the State during the year. But we need a good man who can act as State Evangelist in addition to the general workers we now have in the State.

More or less evangelistic work has been done by nearly all our churches. Most of their work has been done without the aid of Special Evangelists. Pastors have helped each other, and the General Missionary has assisted in several series of special meetings. At our last annual meeting 400 additions were reported, 167 of these by baptism. We ought to build at least one or two new church edifices next year, and should open two or three new fields. But in order to do this we must have more money and more men. We are much pleased with the recent opening of the Mission among the Crow Indians, but as this is a special work I make no attempt to report concerning it.

SOUTHERN IDAHO.

In Southern Idaho we have twenty-seven (27) churches with a total membership of about 1,250. One new church was organized during the past year, and two new houses of worship have been erected, although they are not yet fully completed. Besides the work done by the District Missionary, Rev. W. H. Bowler, and the General Missionary, we have had eleven (11) missionary pastors at work the whole, or a part of the year. We still have only one self-supporting church, Boise City, but this is a strong church and Dr. C. R. Baker encourages it to do much for our State work.

Rev. W. H. Bowler, District Missionary, has assisted most of the churches in special meetings during the year. At the annual meetings 160 additions were reported, 60 of these by baptism. Some recent meetings have resulted in a number of conversions, but exact figures cannot be secured at present. The outlook in Idaho is encouraging for our cause. The State in some sections is settling up very fast, and we need to enlarge our work. We ought to build one or two new houses of worship next year, and occupy two or three new fields.

The benevolent work of our churches is commendable, and the pastors and churches, as a rule, are doing heroic self-sacrificing work for the evangelization of the State.

EAST WASHINGTON AND NORTH IDAHO.

REV. A. M. ALLYN, SPOKANE, WASHINGTON, GENERAL MISSIONARY.

The work on this field during the past year has been very encouraging. We now have within the bounds of the Convention 70 churches with a total membership of 4,000. Adjacent to these churches, where preaching is, or should be maintained, are more than 30 important out-stations.

We have now under appointment, besides the general and Chinese missionaries, 25 missionary pastors who are supplying 30 churches; seven churches are self-supporting, and 10 support their work by two combining in the support of one pastor; six or eight other churches are supplied with some preaching by ministers engaged in secular pursuits. Altogether, we have 43 ministers supplying 55 churches and 22 out-stations. This is about the average of our work during the past year. Thus you see 15 churches are and have been without preaching.

SOME RESULTS OF THE WORK.

There have been received into our churches 1,057 new members, 358 by baptism and 699 in other ways. Nine new churches have been organized; \$43,500 has been raised for local expenses, and \$4,100 for beneficences, about one-half of the latter being for Convention missions.

CHURCH EDIFICE WORK.

Six new meeting houses have been built and two old ones remodeled and enlarged at a total cost of about \$18,000. Four church buildings are now in process of erection, the total cost of which will not be less than \$10,000. If present plans are carried out and the most imperative needs in church building are met, not less than eight other meeting houses will be erected within the year upon which we have entered.

EVANGELISTIC WORK.

Except for two or three meetings no evangelist has been employed among our churches during the past year. Our revival work has been done by pastors in their own churches or by pastors helping each other, with what little aid the General Missionary could give.

Thirty meetings of from one to three weeks each have been held within the bounds of the Convention which, so far as reported, have brought into the churches about 400 new members—half of them by baptism. With a couple of good evangelists among us during the Winter season, no doubt these results might have been doubled. But with our limited funds and such painful need of more pastors, we have not yet deemed it wise to employ a Convention evangelist.

NEED OF MORE MONEY AND MEN.

Two additional missionary pastors will take work among us this month. This will bring us about to the limit of our funds, but far, very far from the limit of our needs and opportunities. Here are these 15 pastorless churches. Oh! how they do long for pastors! Some of them are small and

weak, but they are all worthy and capable of development, and to several growth would be very rapid. Besides these, there are 12 new fields, some of them county seats and nearly all with a population of over 1,000, where we should organize Baptist churches and settle pastors immediately. But to supply even one-third of these pastorless churches and important new fields would require \$3,000 additional funds. Who will furnish the money? Our own churches are doing all they can. Our missionary churches gave to this work last year one dollar per resident member, and to support their own work \$24 per resident member, and the self-supporting churches did about the same. But these fields must be supplied and, God helping us, some of them shall be supplied, even if it means debt to the Convention. We are praying that God will raise up friends to provide for these most needy and promising fields. Who will be God's messengers in answering these prayers?

WEST WASHINGTON.

REV. L. WALTON TERRY, TACOMA, GENERAL MISSIONARY.

With feelings of deep gratitude for past blessings, and a spirit of thankfulness for what our Parent Society has enabled us to accomplish, we present the following report of last year's endeavor:

The General Missionary has traveled 16,989 miles; written 2,899 letters and cards, and 4,750 mimeograph letters in 31 editions; written nine articles for publication; preached 258 sermons and addresses; 209 visits to churches, attended 444 meetings, with a total attendance of 26,342; dedicated seven churches, and reopened three others after extensive repairs; organized three Sunday Schools and four churches (refusing to organize several others for lack of support); distributed 14,450 pages of tracts, and made 1,187 religious calls.

The missionary force numbered 42, serving 81 churches and out-stations. In mission churches there were 155 baptisms and 415 other additions. Upon the whole Convention field there were received by baptism 302, and 783 otherwise added, with 623 diminutions, making a net gain for the year of 462, and a present membership of 5,154.

The sum of \$12,416.34 was spent last year in missionary work, of which \$4,416.34 were raised upon the Convention field, and \$8,000 were received from the Home Mission Society.

In connection with this, let me call attention to the magnificent record of these mission churches, for \$33,000 raised for all purposes by them is surely a fine showing. One-tenth of this sum was for benevolences, and \$13,184 was for debt-paying and new improvements. The large sum of \$49,892 has been raised during the last three years for debts and improvements, giving us property on our present 41 mission fields valued at \$80,000, with \$15,000 of present indebtedness.

It means much to report, as we do for last year, a total expenditure of \$24.93 per resident member, and almost \$2.00 per capita for benevolences. It proves that we are pushing the work upon these new fields to the very

limit of endurance, for, about October 1st nineteen pastors resigned, many of them believing it was because they had pushed the finances so hard. To-day we have every one of these pulpits filled, but there has been some loss of power in the transfer. Taking the whole field into consideration, it will be no disparagement to the workers of the past to say that we have the strongest force of pastors now upon the field that has ever worked in West Washington.

A word of comparison will reveal the missionary character of this field. Six years ago there were but three self-supporting churches in West Washington. There were seven churches which assumed self-support last year, or, at least, ceased to be aided by Home Mission money. Yet in spite of this, we have to-day only 16 churches that are self-supporting in the true sense of that word, upon the whole Convention field, and 15 weaker churches have full-time preaching by pastors who are partially supported in other ways. There are 14 other churches too weak to engage a pastor for even part-time service, and 41 churches now receiving missionary aid, making a total of 86 organizations, of which 75 made an offering for Convention work last year equal to \$1.03 per capita. Also bear in mind that 16 of these churches are still without houses of worship.

On account of the marvelous growth of our towns and cities, the calls for help are so multiplied that our Board had to refuse more than \$7,000 of applications the past year. We are pushing our mission interests to self-support as fast as possible, but as many of our present mission fields are new organizations and planning to build edifices, it will not be wise to withhold needed aid. The following new work demands immediate attention: Clark County work must be taken up without delay. There is but one Baptist pastor in the whole county, and Camas, Brush Prairie, Yacolt and out-stations along the new line of railroad are calling for aid. At Yacolt they started a subscription for a building, but we could not send a man. Cedro-Wooley is a place of 3,000 inhabitants, with a Baptist house but no organization.

Anacortes is a place of 5,000, where a Baptist band are requesting reorganization. It will require \$400 at this point. McMurray is another important center calling for assistance. These three cities are located in Skagit County, and destined to play an important part in one of the most fertile sections of the Coast. Out of the score of other places, I will mention but three: the Swedish work at Hoquiam that has already assumed encouraging proportions; the Nor.-Dan. work at Whatcom, and also at Everett, and besides these there is Montesano, the county seat of Chehalis, where we have some 20 Baptists.

To sum up in one sentence, there are 11 whole counties out of the 19 in West Washington with 165,000 inhabitants with only five Baptist pastors.

Eight churches were erected last year at a cost of \$37,400. Only three of these churches received aid, and to the amount of \$1,300 gift and \$500 loan up to October, 1903, the sum of \$355.08 having been raised upon this field in coöperation, up to that date. These figures do not include the

\$500 gift to the Seattle Japanese building, which was outside of the plan of cooperation.

Our Convention Board is greatly interested in evangelistic plans, and the men, methods and the results of such work on this field will be tabulated by Dr. Wooddy. We are planning to begin October next with a State evangelist, if we can secure a proper man. We appreciate your kind offer of coöperation, and believe that here is one of the surest means of invigorating the churches.

This country is so new, the newest in the Northwest; it is strategic in its future importance, but to-day our commercial enterprises are largely owned by eastern capitalists, and the earnings of such capital, which will one day remain here to develop and establish our great Puget Sound resources, are now sent back east in the form of interest and dividends, leaving a scant balance for religious purposes. Our churches have been pulling for the past three years with taut traces and there is no "slack" to take up.

We are putting about \$1,400 into Japanese and Chinese work, besides expending \$7,000 in permanent buildings for Oriental work, while about 23 per cent. of our disbursements have been upon the Swedish and Nor.-Dan. churches, and they are promised more aid next year; thus our most-important English-speaking people, living in cities of from 3,000 to 5,000, have been neglected. Any decrease in last year's grant for our work would be fatally disastrous and paralyze our efforts in holding present advantages, to say nothing of contemplated work.

There is a united effort, strong courage, and a splendid spirit manifested, and if we can receive your unabated help for two years more I believe, at the present rate of progress, we will be enabled to establish the out-posts of our future work.

OREGON.

REV. LEONARD W. RILEY, MCMINNVILLE, GENERAL MISSIONARY.

The Lord has graciously blessed the work in Oregon. The trials and difficulties have been great, but the blessings have been greater, and have filled the workers with hopeful expectancy and larger faith in Him who giveth liberally and upbraideth not.

To all our churches there were 1,362 additions, 654 by baptism. This gave a net gain of 715, the largest made by any of the Conventions on the Coast. There are now in coöperation with the Home Mission Society and the Convention 119 churches with 7,777 members, about 5,500 of whom are reported as resident members. Their property is valued at \$363,715. They raised for current expenses \$37,021, and for benevolences \$7,201.

Five new churches have been organized; Central in Portland, with 100 members; Selma, with 25; Mt. Olive, 24; Mosier, 12, and Bethany at Sellwood, with 7. Six buildings have been erected and dedicated: Cottrell, valued at \$800; Yankton, \$800; Merlin, \$800; Ione, \$1,500; Mt. Pleasant, \$700, and Grant's Pass, \$4,000. Two others at Selma and Ontario are near-

ing completion. Buildings are now desired by eight other organizations, all of which should be erected at once.

EVANGELISTIC WORK.

In the report of our Superintendent of Missions, Dr. C. A. Wooddy, will be found a detailed statement of all the evangelistic work done in the State. It will be seen that the greater part of the work has been done by the pastors themselves. The results have been very gratifying, indeed. The interest in this department of the work still increases, and the outlook for very large results could hardly be better. This year is generally regarded as but a preparation for the coming year. To secure the best results at least two evangelists should be added to our forces next year.

MISSIONARY WORK.

For the Convention year ending October 1, 1903, 40 missionaries were under appointment. They labored 1,720 weeks, supplied 52 churches and 30 out-stations, preached 4,839 sermons, conducted 1,957 prayer meetings, made 22,327 religious visits, distributed 20,905 pages of tracts, received 364 by letter and 384 by baptism. Steady progress has been made in our mission work as is indicated by the following comparison of the past four years: missionaries, 35, 36, 37, 40; weeks of labor, 1,403, 1,589, 1,588, 1,720; churches supplied, 33, 41, 50, 52; baptisms, 135, 188, 208, 384; received by letter, 231, 260, 268, 364; total beneficence, \$2,789, \$2,723, \$2,726, \$3,044; grand total raised, \$15,615, \$14,936, \$22,088. The present year promises a similar gain.

Three churches have become self-supporting—Calvary Dalles, Ashland, and Immanuel Portland. At least three others should do so with the beginning of another year. The reason that more have not done so is that many have had preaching for half-time, and upon assuming full-time service still need assistance. The question of self-support is kept before them.

During the year \$4,082.88 were raised for our mission work as against \$3,965.09 the preceding year. To this the Home Mission Society added \$6,500. For the present year our Board has thus far voted \$11,485.83, of which \$11,173.33 are now in force. Many applications were denied, while the amounts asked by others were greatly reduced. In several cases the amounts should rather have been increased as the missionaries have not living salaries!

NEXT YEAR.

For the coming year Oregon should have, in addition to the evangelists above mentioned and the force now at work, six general workers, who should by all means be appointed, and even then many fields will be uncared for that are ripe for the harvest. Yet to appoint them in addition to our present force will call for largely increased appropriations. More than \$5,000 can hardly be expected from Oregon. May a larger sum be

expected from the Home Mission Society? Men of large spiritual insight, like Dr. J. Wilbur Chapman, have said that Oregon impressed them as being especially ripe for a great ingathering. Last year 30,000 people settled in Oregon. During the first three weeks of this month (March) 1,200 people came into the Willamette Valley alone. The total immigration for this year will exceed that of any preceding year, while the Lewis and Clarke Exposition will doubtless bring still more in 1905. This is no time to retrench our work in Oregon. Not to enlarge now will be to lose opportunities equal to the best presented in any part of the world. Many sections of Oregon are peculiarly susceptible to Baptistic influences, and should be first reached by Baptist missionaries.

Baptists in Oregon are coming more and more to appreciate the greatness of our Home Mission Society, the wisdom and efficiency of its leaders, their consideration of Oregon and her needs, the faithful generalship of our Superintendent of Missions, Dr. C. A. Wooddy, and the goodness and mercy of God who in and through all is fulfilling His eternal purposes.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA.

REV. E. R. BENNETT, OAKLAND, GENERAL MISSIONARY.

The work of the year has been carried on quite different lines from that of any previous year. Much attention has been given to the development of individual churches, both those aided and the smaller self-sustaining ones. The results are seen in remarkable activity in the way of material improvement, in refusing Convention aid, and in a better type of work generally. Your General Missionary has traveled only about half as many miles as formerly, but has given more time to the fields visited. A distinct advance has been made also in the organizing of Associations for active and intelligent cooperation in their own fields. The results are highly gratifying.

The statistics of labor and of results, in part, are as follows:

Miles traveled, 10,150; letters written, 2,198; Associations and Conventions attended, 9. Three churches have been organized and three others will very soon be organized.

Forty-seven missionaries have been in the field a part or all of the year, preaching the Gospel to more than 70 churches and out-stations. These report 4,695 sermons, 12,395 religious visits, and 275 baptisms. Eleven houses of worship have been erected and six have been enlarged and improved. Five parsonages have been built, and five Sunday Schools have been organized.

Ten churches have become self-supporting, while a number of others are expecting soon to go alone. This enables us to take up new and needy fields, some of which have waited long.

Among the new fields demanding early attention are at least three points in Nevada. One at New Reno, a coming railroad center, where we have already erected a rough board house and are using it seven days

in the week. Another is 30 miles distant in Churchill County, the center of a great irrigation enterprise under government control. We are first in the field in both these interesting centers. The third is at Tonapa, the richest mining region of the State.

In California there are two great counties, Humboldt and Siskyou, almost unattempted, now being rapidly opened up to settlement. We must do something there at once. Besides these points and many others of great interest, a new campaign of work in San Francisco is claiming the attention of many friends. Our work in that city has been sadly neglected, and for a number of years has been steadily retrograding. A movement now well started seems full of promise.

Houses of worship must be built at once at six places. Each of these places should have aid.

The special evangelistic work is absorbing the attention and enlisting the prayerful efforts of our people to a marked degree.

The work of Evangelist Boyd has been richly blest. I have already informed you in detail of the results of this work. It is fully believed that no mistake has been made in the encouragement given to this branch of the service.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA.

REV. A. M. PETTY, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, GENERAL MISSIONARY.

Having recently entered upon this work, it is impossible for me to make so complete a report as might be desired. The field of the Southern California Convention includes the nine southern counties of California.

There were reported at our last annual meeting 82 Sunday Schools, as many Young People's Societies, and 68 churches, with a membership of 8,141.

EVANGELISM.

The widespread evangelistic movement in our denomination, inaugurated by the American Baptist Home Mission Society, had already taken strong hold on our Convention forces before our last annual meeting, held in Santa Barbara. The evangelistic sentiment in our Convention was greatly intensified by that meeting, and a forward movement along this line was ordered at the first meeting of the new Board. This took form a few weeks later in the inauguration of an evangelistic campaign under the Convention Board, with the motto, "a revival meeting in every mission church" on the field this year; this was to include also weak, independent churches that would receive evangelistic help from the Convention evangelists. As this campaign is still in progress, exact figures cannot be given. It may be said in general terms that special evangelistic services, varying in length from ten days to four weeks, have been held with twenty-three churches on our field up till this time, under the direction of our Board. In addition to this, most splendid revivals have been held in many of the larger self-supporting churches, through which have been large ingatherings into these churches. The baptisms on our field have already run up

into the hundreds, and the present Convention year bids fair to report the largest number of original accessions to the churches within the history of the Convention.

The greatest good, however, of this campaign will be, no doubt, in the general uplift and unifying of the Baptist forces within our bounds. In this particular the Lord has made us a marvel in our own eyes.

There have been organized since our last annual meeting, two churches, Hollywood and Immanuel, at Hollywood and Pico Heights respectively, two suburban additions of Los Angeles City.

Before this is in print another will be organized at San Pedro. These three places with the Imperial District of San Diego County are most important centers, and with the stimulus of proper support will give most satisfactory results. While some of our churches will pass into self-support this year, the number of new fields that are pressing upon us for enlarged help and occupation for the first time will make our responsibilities next year larger even than this. The tide of opportunity is now coming in on many of these fields, which taken at its flow will certainly under God lead to success, but if neglected will leave our denomination in the shoals at these centers for years to come.

The actual increase of appropriations in these and other new fields will amount to many hundreds of dollars for the next year. Great as have been the benefits from our present evangelistic campaign, this year's work I consider only a preparation for a much more extensive and successful campaign next year, which will involve a large increase of appropriation, if we conserve the legitimate outgrowth of our present efforts. Indeed, our field is bristling from one end to the other with most tempting invitations to enter and occupy for our Master and our denomination, if only in any way we have financial resources to sustain the workers.

On May 1st we inaugurate in connection with the Publication Society, a Colporteur service in the isolated districts and canyons of our field—in San Diego County, a large strip of country, over which are scattered in vale and canyon, about 6,000 inhabitants, 2,200 school children, 90 school districts; and in the Imperial Valley in the same county, with about 6,000 inhabitants, and population constantly increasing over a vast area, in which towns are springing up, all giving evidence of a permanent and prosperous people, with not a Baptist organized interest in it, nor Baptist preaching at any point. This field must be occupied, but to do it will require at the least from six to eight hundred dollars of additional appropriation for next year.

CHINESE WORK ON THE PACIFIC COAST.

REV. GEO. CAMPBELL, SAN FRANCISCO, SUPERINTENDENT.

I have recently visited all our centers of work among the Chinese and Japanese, except Fresno, Spokane, and Butte. Among the noteworthy advances of the work are Miss McMinn's beginning work at Seattle, under the direction of the Women's Baptist Home Mission Society; the Chinese

church of San Francisco adding \$100.00 to the salary of its pastor and assuming the expense of the janitor; and the movement among our Japanese brethren in Tacoma to raise funds for a property of their own, resulting in the subscribing of over \$1,000 already among the Japanese alone.

Each month a thousand or more copies of the Chinese Baptist filled with information about the work have been circulated among our churches on the Coast and elsewhere. Through this, the special organ of our work, we hope to interest the denomination at large in the work of evangelizing the Chinese, Japanese and Koreans. We have Chinese missions, fostered by the Home Mission Society, in the eight largest cities on the Coast and in Butte, Montana. In these are engaged at present fourteen Americans, besides the Superintendent, and seven Chinese. About two hundred Chinese communicants are identified with these missions and about one hundred and fifty Chinese pupils gather nightly in the schools connected with them. Five missions have buildings of their own, and three of these have rooms so that the Christians may have a home under the same roof. In Portland and San Francisco day schools for Chinese children are supported by the Women's Baptist Home Mission Society.

Besides the work carried on by the Home Mission Society, principally by the help of the two Women's Societies, there is a great deal of work done by local churches working independently. Especially in the Eastern States and by means of Chinese Sunday Schools have our churches been exerting themselves to reach with the gospel the Chinese in their respective communities.

Our work among the Chinese must adjust itself to certain underlying conditions. One of these is the steady decrease in the Chinese population, owing to death and return to China; the operation of the Exclusion Act preventing any appreciable number from entering the country. The census of 1900 showed a decrease of one-sixth in ten years. There is no reason to think the rate of decrease is less now than then.

Along with the decrease of the Chinese population as a whole, there is a noticeable movement eastward which accelerates the depletion of the Chinese population of California. In the Atlantic States, on the contrary, there was an absolute gain of 141 per cent. in Chinese population in the ten years prior to the last census. During the same period California lost 37 per cent. of its Chinese.

Local work among the Chinese sifted over our land may be indefinitely increased as our churches are aroused to the necessity and opportunity providentially created. No longer massed in a few centers, but scattered out among our people, it will be harder for them to resist civilizing and Christianizing influences. The work under the National Societies must have some reference to the volunteer work of the churches, to which it should furnish example and inspiration.

This work assumes dignity and importance when we consider its bearing on the religious future of the great nation to which these people belong. The same missionary spirit that prompts us to send the gospel to

China will impel us to give it to these representatives of that nation, permitted to come here to test the sincerity and vitality of our religion.

A pressing need of the work is permanent headquarters in each center where the work is carried on under National auspices. The Mission is everything to the Christian Chinese. They have no families and in Christian fellowship they find their greatest pleasure. They love to be under the same roof with the chapel, to join in morning and evening worship and to have a Christian home. They are more than willing to pay for such accommodations, and once the building is provided the rentals become a source of income which may be so administered as virtually to endow the mission and ensure its permanency.

Our work among the Japanese in America has hitherto been confined to the State of Washington. We have a strong Japanese church in Seattle and a good plant with a branch at Port Blakeley. At Bellingham the First Baptist church has a flourishing Japanese mission. In Tacoma our Japanese brethren are making heroic efforts to get permanent headquarters and have over \$1,000 subscribed by the Japanese of that community and Seattle.

The Japanese are coming in rapidly and many of them are already Christian. Rev. J. H. Scott of Osaka, writes of dismissing two of his members to go to San Francisco and says that is a monthly occurrence. From Seattle, too, our Japanese Baptists frequently come to San Francisco. The Methodist and Presbyterian churches have work among the Japanese and are meeting with singular success.

Our work among the Chinese must, of course, be kept up; but in the nature of things is less promising than work among the Japanese would be, on the tide of a rising population and among a people responding more quickly to evangelistic efforts.

GERMAN WORK.

REV. G. A. SCHULTE, WEST HOBOKEN, N. J., SUPERINTENDENT.

A RETROSPECT.

In order to prosecute in a more systematic manner the German mission work in cooperation with the Society a General Missionary Society of the German Baptist Churches was organized in 1883. A brief review of what has been accomplished during its twenty years of existence may be of general interest.

At the time of the organization there were 138 German Baptist churches in existence with a membership of 10,209. Twenty-two of these churches are no longer on the list as German churches. They have accomplished the specific German mission work for which they were organized in their respective localities, and have been merged into the great body of American Baptists. Four are now prosperous and self-supporting English-speaking Baptist churches, while the other 18 were disbanded and the members have united with English-speaking churches. They have brought into the latter new spiritual life and energy, according to the testimony of many English-

speaking pastors, who rejoiced in the additions thus received. The work on these fields has not been in vain, and has brought abundant fruit for the denomination. For this we have reason to praise the Lord.

In six of the churches organized before 1883 the English language is used exclusively in the Sunday Schools, and in the Young People's Societies and partly in the preaching services. It is only a question of time when these and other younger churches will fully join the great army of

English-speaking Baptists.

In looking over the annual report of our churches since record has been kept, the fact has been brought to light that each year from 160 to 220 members of the German churches have been dismissed by letter to English-speaking churches. Thus a fair sized, no doubt self-supporting church has been given annually to the denomination by this mission work.

INTERESTING GAINS.

Notwithstanding these visible losses to our ranks the work during that time has been full of interest and has been marked by a steady, solid and encouraging growth. The number of German churches has increased from 138 to 264, and the membership from 10,209 to 24,323, and the number of schools and teachers in the Sunday Schools from 11,662 to 24,862. In 1883 the value of church property, including parsonages, was stated to be \$445,792; in 1903 it was \$1,511,085. The churches raised for current expenses at that time \$63,985; last year they raised \$162,735. They contributed for Home Mission work \$3,845, now \$11,200, for foreign missions \$2,856, now \$9,168. The total amount for all objects raised in 1883 was \$98,300; last year it was \$325,185.

These seemingly dry figures speak volumes to the intelligent reader of self-sacrifice, consecration and liberality to the cause of Christ. The majority of our members are brought up in the State church of Germany, where they were not required to contribute for religious objects. They learned the grace of giving at the feet of their Master. It is also a fact that we have very few wealthy members in our ranks. Through our mission work we mainly reach the poorer class of people. It is true with us as Christ says: "Unto the poor the Gospel is preached." It is also a well-known fact that such of our members as become well-to-do frequently seek a more congenial home in English-speaking churches.

THE YEAR'S WORK.

The missionaries under appointment for the whole or part of the last year preached at 182 stations, in 20 States of the Union and in five provinces of Canada. They report 3,268 weeks of labor, 8,776 sermons preached, they led 4,168 prayer meetings, made 26,962 pastoral visits, received by baptism and by letter 614 new members. There are 5,213 members in the mission churches, and 5,952 scholars in the Sunday Schools, instructed by 714 teachers. The missionaries distributed 565 Bibles and Testaments, and 81,721 pages of tracts. Six new fields were entered upon, four new churches organized, and nine chapels on mission fields dedicated.

EVANGELISM.

In order to supply, in part at least, the great need of evangelistic services on the German field a General Evangelist, Rev. Henry Schwendener, was appointed. This brother is in many respects eminently adapted for this work, has had considerable experience in evangelistic effort, and is a good singer and a strong preacher. He has been under appointment since October 1st, and has labored successfully most of the time in the new German settlements in North Dakota, and with some of the churches in South Dakota. More than 200 souls have been brought to Christ at the places he has visited. Eighty converts reported as the result of his labors with one church in North Dakota and 75 during two weeks' labor with a church in South Dakota.

Some of the reports received remind us of scenes witnessed frequently in former years when people under deep conviction of sin cried aloud to God for mercy, when sinners rejoiced in the forgiveness of their sins and wept at the feet of Jesus; when the people were stirred in such a manner that the power of God was felt in the whole community. May this only be the beginning of a general revival in all our churches.

THE NEED FOR THE FUTURE.

The success of the German work in the past makes the need of larger efforts for the future all the more apparent. The 264 German churches are distributed in 27 States of the Union and some in Canada. A large number are doing successful pioneer work, but need the assistance of the Society in their struggle for self-support. New missions are constantly planted in new German settlements in Oklahoma, Washington and North Dakota. Now is the time for aggressive missionary work, or the golden opportunity may be lost to our denomination forever.

The successful evangelistic work inaugurated during the past year emphasizes the need of more effort in this direction. Two more evangelists ought to be appointed immediately to supply the great need for evangelistic services on many of our mission fields. Will the Society be able to take this step?

The noble aid received from the Home Mission Society is greatly appreciated by the German brethren, but our needs multiply as we press forward and we shall continue to expect increasing help from the Society.

CHURCH EDIFICE WORK.

Eight mission churches were assisted by the Society with \$2,550 in the erection of houses of worship. One-third of this amount was paid into the treasury by the German churches. The new buildings are located as follows: two in Illinois, two in North Dakota, and one each in Kansas, Oklahoma, Washington and Manitoba. Six houses of worship are now in process of erection.

MEXICO-NUEVO LEON.

REV. ALEJANDRO TREVINO, MONTEREY, MISSIONARY.

We had a hard experience this year in our work. The dreadful plague of the tropics, the yellow fever, invaded all our field, from Linares in the Southeast to Nuevo Laredo at the North. For three long months we had to be at the bedside of our afflicted people, and to speak the last words to many who left this world. We spent whole nights with the dying patients and, of course, we did not escape the disease. Our turn came, and for days we expected to be counted among the dead. But the Lord spared our lives. A few days later we could reassume our duties. How merciful our Lord is! At the end of December the fever also came to its end, but naturally it impaired our work to some extent. However, the services were kept up and in general were well attended.

Our Nuevo Leon Baptist Association had its nineteenth session on March 11th and 12th at Santa Rosa. Seven churches were represented. We think this was one of the best anniversaries ever held, both because of the good number of messengers and visitors, and because of the subjects discussed in a loving Christian spirit. The necessity of having a Baptist paper in Northern Mexico to be the organ of the Association and to defend the Baptist principles, was demonstrated. Steps were taken toward this end, and as soon as the necessary means are secured, a new Baptist paper will proclaim the Gospel in Mexico. Is there not a good friend who could help us in this enterprise?

There are seven organized churches with a membership of about 600 in the field of the Association; eight Sunday Schools with 27 teachers and 400 scholars. Thirty-five new members were received in four churches. Besides there are at least 20 mission stations wherein the workers regularly or occasionally preach. In some places the harvest is ripe and we only need some helpers to gather the fruit.

This is the field of the Association:

Nuevo Laredo.—Situated just on the border of the United States. It has a fine meeting-house with a small, but faithful church. Rev. J. F. Kimball is its active pastor. Five baptisms were reported this year.

Lampazos.—Is the next important city toward the South. Brother Juan Diaz de Leon is faithfully working here. There is no church, but our brother is having good meetings and, as there is a company of some ten or twelve Baptists, a church will be organized very soon. Four candidates were baptized.

Sabinas Hidalgo.—Rev. A. R. Cavazos, pastor. This church was left alone most of the year, because Bro. Cavazos was removed to San Luis Potosi. We visited the Christians there and found them at their post, having the regular services. They have their pastor again and an aggressive work has commenced. A chapel is badly needed here.

Santa Rosa.—The old place from where so many Baptists have come. At present it is not progressing owing to the continued dry season, but

Bro. Garza, the pastor of the church, has extended his field to Marin, Apodaca, Higueras, Salinas and Dr. Gonzales. Marin is a promising place. We have had there meetings of nearly 200 persons of the best families, and a church could be organized if we could locate a man there.

Monterey.—Is the central point. We have a good church with about 200 members. It received 15 new members, and spent during the year in missions, pastor's salary, benevolence and general expenses, \$1,207.59. A new mission with Sunday School was opened last January. We also have a prosperous day school, now numbering a daily attendance of some 250 pupils. It would be easily increased to 400 if we had room enough for those who apply. This school is supported by the Woman's American Baptist Home Mission Society.

Montemorelos and El Porvenir.—Rev. M. E. Guajardo, pastor. This brother has two churches and a wide field under his care. He has opened new preaching stations and has a fine prospect in his line. Eight candidates were baptized at Montemorelos. A self-supporting day school for girls has been established at El Porvenir. It is in connection with the church and is a valuable adjunct to our work. They are erecting a school house.

Linares.—This is the second city of importance in the State of Nuevo Leon. There is a chapel and the church is in the care of Brother A. E. Martinez, the acting pastor. He is keeping an interesting work in the city and also in six or eight places in the vicinity. He reported five baptisms and nine candidates this year. We need a day school and the assistance of one or two women missionaries in this city.

Mexico needs the Gospel, and as the great Christian nation of United States is her next-door neighbor, the responsibility of its evangelization rests upon the American Christians. Brethren, help us to gain this noble nation for Christ.

CENTRAL AND SOUTHERN MEXICO.

REV. WILLIAM H. SLOAN, MEXICO CITY, GENERAL MISSIONARY.

The year has witnessed an advance all along the line, notwithstanding certain discouraging features that do not fail to present themselves in all missionary work on a papal field. Spiritual progress has not kept pace with the material, although we have great reason for rejoicing over the ingathering of souls on nearly all our fields. We can assure our brethren of the United States that Christian effort here brings souls into the church, if not always into the kingdom; that our discouragements come from the nomadic habits of the people, from their mixed up marital relations, from their unwillingness to live a disciplined and orderly church life, and from the abounding vices and evil customs by which they are surrounded, all of which tend to draw them away from the church to which they turn after having tried to nourish their souls with the husks of romanism. It is not difficult to induce a people that despises its priesthood to forsake its blind

guides, but to lead such souls into a fuller fellowship with Christ, and keep them within the restraints of a Christian walk and Godly conversation, after the training they have had, is a far more difficult task; and it is at this point that our work among Roman Catholics fills us ofttimes with a sense of discouragement.

But we have had during the year abundant cause of thanksgiving to God for what He has done for Mexico, for He has not left us to go a warfare at our own charges, and we can look forward to richer blessings in the future, basing our confidence on two things: one, the erection of church houses which will help the people to be less migratory in their habits; and the other, because the multiplication of schools will bring under our influence and instruction large numbers of children whose religious training will contribute to the strength and upbuilding of our churches. If such schools could be added to our work in Puebla, San Luis Potosí and Aguascalientes, an impetus would be given the cause that would be lasting in its results.

Church building has been the marked feature of our work during the year now closed. A generous friend of missions provided for the purchase of property in the city of Puebla, and during the months of November and December of 1903 a commodious house of worship was erected there and dedicated on the first day of January of 1904. A month or two later a suite of rooms was added for the use of the pastor and his family, and our mission in Puebla is now in possession of a good home. The pastor, Rev. Fernando Uriegas, reports increased attendance at the services, and a good state of feeling in the church.

Funds have been donated for the purchase of property in San Luis Potosí, and a desirable corner lot, covered with old buildings, has been secured. A church edifice will be erected there in the near future. The place has been put in temporary repair, and is now occupied by our new missionary, Rev. S. S. Huse, Jr., and his wife. Mr. Huse was formerly a missionary in the Philippine Islands, and acquired there considerable experience in missionary work. He comes to Mexico full of enthusiasm and zeal, determined to "bring things to pass" on this, the hardest of our mission fields. His young wife will prove an able and devoted helper. Mr. Huse has begun services in English also, with what success we have not learned.

For Aguascalientes, too, funds have been secured for the erection of a church building. This city is rapidly becoming one of great importance, owing to the establishment there of the Mexican Central Railway machine shops, and the transference to this point of large numbers of skilled workmen. The building of an electric street railway and the erection of large smelters in the vicinity are unquestionable evidences of progress. A Baptist church was organized last November, and the pastor, Rev. Ernesto Barocio, feels greatly encouraged with regard to the future. He very much desires that a day school be opened in connection with his work. The mission in Aguascalientes will be placed upon a firm basis when the projected

edifice is completed, and we may look for very favorable reports from there in the future.

In the City of Mexico preaching services have been regularly maintained during the year in the church and Nahuatlato Mission, as well as in the neighboring town of Guadalupe. Services in the first two have been well attended, while the Guadalupe Mission has held its own, the work out there being carried on with great difficulty and at enormous odds. The removal during the year of Mr. Sloan's valued assistant, Rev. Ernesto Barocio, who assumed charge of the work in Aguascalientes, and whose place cannot easily be supplied in the City of Mexico, will compel the closing of the mission in Guadalupe, Mr. Sloan finding it impossible to attend personally to so many interests. During the Winter, a series of meetings held in the church resulted in an ingathering of some twenty persons, and a quickened religious life throughout the congregation and missions. October of last year the Baptists of the country, connected with both the Northern and Southern Boards, met in a general assembly in the City of Mexico and organized a National Baptist Convention, whose purpose will be the cultivation of closer relations between the two branches of the denomination laboring in Mexico. The need of an agency where publications in Spanish could be provided for our missions was met by the organization of a Baptist Publication Society, whose aim shall be to select books, tracts, etc., for publication, and then give them to the Spanish-speaking world. As the newly organized Society has no funds, and no printing house, its output of publications at present will probably not be large. Since the London Religious Tract Society has ceased its donations of £50 annually to Mexico, on the ground that Americans should take care of their missions in North America, we have no funds with which to print tracts, and it is only as we can beg contributions from visiting tourists that we are enabled to give even a few leaflets to our churches and inquirers.

Our newspaper, La Luz, has been published regularly during the year, and something over a million pages of tracts, whose cost was provided by a brother now deceased. The most important of our publications was a tract by Dr. Henry McDonald, now dead, treating of his conversion from Roman Catholicism to Bible Christianity. It is a splendid campaign document, and is doing great good. We have now in press The True Catechism, in Spanish, by Rev. Mr. Aubin, who published it in French, and it is our purpose to have it committed to memory by our Sunday Schools.

I leave for my last paragraph the chief object of the organization of the National Baptist Convention. The conviction has been deepening that unless a way was provided for the higher education of our Baptist youth, so that some sort of training could be given those who desired to devote themselves to Gospel work, we should, within a few years, lose all that we have gained. While our fields of labor are expanding both in size and interest, the number of native laborers is steadily growing smaller. In the City of Mexico we should have three men instead of one, in San Luis Potosí two, in Puebla two, and others in Jalapa and Oaxaca. Cordoba

offers a fine field for work, and we have long wanted to place a man there. We ought to have provision made at once for a series of schools, culminating in a college for the higher education of our youth. We are losing our young people, and other denominations are even taking our small boys and girls, and placing them in their schools. Baptists are laboring in Mexico to build up Methodist and Presbyterian schools. We have no native helpers, because we have no men who can give all their time to their training. Where is the noble generous soul that will come to our aid in a time like this?

EASTERN CUBA.

H. R. MOSELEY, D.D., SANTIAGO, GENERAL MISSIONARY.

Assistants: Miss Elma G. Gowen and Miss Anna M. Barkley.

1. Santiago District—Rev. T. Barocio, Santiago, El Caney, Dos Caminos and San Luis. R. H. Moseley, D.D., Cristo, Boniato, San Vicente. José Escandell, Songo, La Maya, Socorro, Ti Arriba and Cuatro Caminos. A worker soon expected at Guantanamo.

2. Manzanillo District—Rev. José Ripoll, Manzanillo. Assistants: Miss Georgia Hilt, Vicente Tuzzio, Colporteur American Baptist Publication Society. Other stations: Jibacoa, Yara, Niquero, Campechuela, Media Luna and San Ramon.

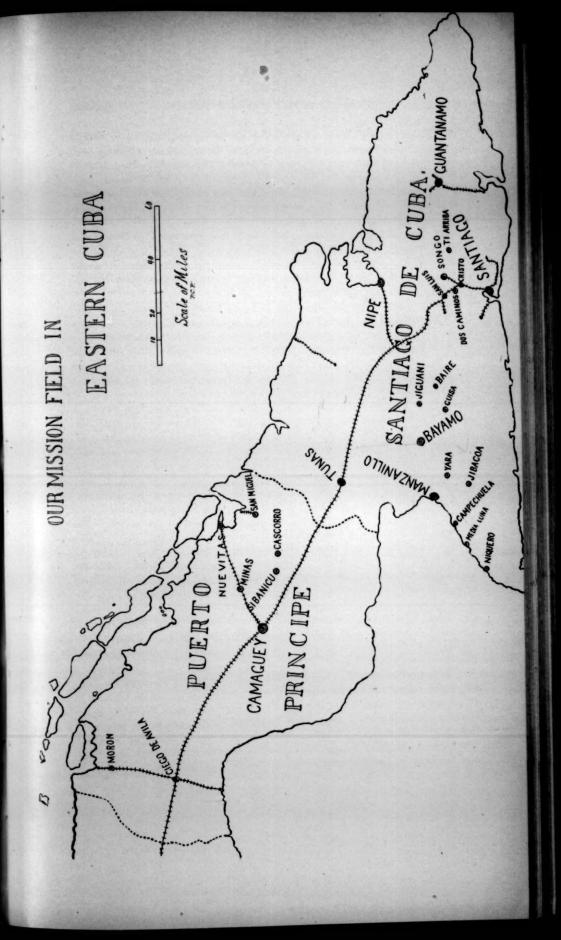
3. Bayamo District—Rev. Alfred L. Story, Bayamo. Assistant: Miss Effie Purdy. Other stations: Jiguani, Baire, Cauto, Veguita, Guisa.

4. Tunas District—Missionary soon to be put in charge of Tunas, Guaimaro, Barcarro and Sibanicu.

5. Puerto Principe District—Rev. D. A. Wilson, Puerto Principe. Assistant: Miss Merriam. Brother Wilson devotes considerable attention also to these and other fields where native workers are employed: viz., Minas, Nuevitas, Senado and Lugareno, Rev. J. J. Gonzalez, native helper; Ciego de Avila and Moron, Pablo Valdez, native helper.

6. Nipe District—Soon to be occupied, probably by Rev. T. H. Sprague.

This has been a year of enlargement and reaping. We have almost doubled our force of workers during the year. Rev. A. L. Story, an experienced worker from Colombia, South America, came in November to open the work in Bayamo and surrounding villages. In August, brother Pablo Valdez, of Havana, went to Ciego de Avila. In September, brother Gonzalez, a teacher in the public schools, gave up his position as a teacher to devote himself to the ministry, and is now located at Nuevitas. Early in December, brother T. H. Sprague left his excellent church in Philadelphia and came to Puerto Principe to learn the language and prepare himself for work in the Nipe Mission. Misses Merriam and Hilt, sent out by the Women's Board of Chicago, are hard at work on the language, and will soon be ready for service—the former at Puerto Principe, the latter at Manzanillo.



With this large increase in our force we have been enabled to extend our lines and occupy a few of the many open doors, but we urgently need two or three more workers: A man to develop the San Luis field and relieve brother Barocio so that he can give more attention to the city of Santiago; a man for the Tunas field, composed of Tunas, Cascorro, Guaimaro and Sibanicu, and a man for Guantanamo, which it is increasingly important for us to occupy.

God has, in a peculiar way, left these two provinces, Santiago and Puerto Principe, to Northern Baptists. This is the richest portion of the island, and in a few years will teem with its million inhabitants. It surely is the part of wisdom for Northern Baptists to improve this matchless op-

portunity which God has given to us.

We have built four chapels this year—at Puerto Principe, San Luis, Dos Caminos and El Cristo—and a fifth is under way at Songo. Nothing in the history of our mission has given a greater impetus to the work than the building of these churches. It has convinced the people that our work is to be permanent, and has given us standing with the better classes of the people, who refrained from connecting themselves with us, believing that we were here only temporarily.

Early in February we dedicated the chapels at San Luis, Dos Caminos and El Cristo. Large and eager congregations filled all these new churches. No one, except a missionary in Roman Catholic countries can rightly appreciate at what tremendous disadyantage we work without meeting-houses for our new congregations. We shall need to build this year at

Bayamo, Niquero, Jibacoa and Ciego de Avila.

In February we greatly enjoyed a visit from the Corresponding Secretary, Rev. H. L. Morehouse, D.D. He spent a little more than three weeks with us, visiting all or nearly all the stations and most of the out-stations. He was heard gladly by large congregations everywhere, and we feel that his visit and consequent intimate knowledge of the field and conditions mean much for the further enlargement of the work. His power of physical endurance was a revelation to some of us. His cheerfulness and keen interest in all the work were stimulating to every missionary on the field.

As will be seen from the statistical report below, we have about doubled our membership this year. Not only has there been this great growth in members, but there has been a steady development of the organized churches.

I wish here to record our gratitude to the Baptists of Washington, Pa., who gave us the money for the Stephen Drummond Memorial Chapel at Dos Caminos. What better memorial could be desired? Will not other churches or individuals erect such memorials in other needy places in Cuba? I invite a careful reading of the detailed report from the different missions. I wish our people might familiarize themselves with the work and workers in Eastern Cuba.

EASTERN CUBA.

Fields.	Work Begun.	Churc	1 1000	Me m- bers		Pupils in S.S.
SANTIAGO	. Oct 1899	Jan. 19	00 15	153		200
El Caney	. May 1900	19	02	33		
Boniato	Nov. 1901	May 19	02			28
Cristo	May 1902		03 21	21		95
San Vicente	Apr. 1902		-		130	35
Dos Caminos	Sep. 1902	10	03 3	38	13	35
San Luis	Oct. 1902	1	03 20	-	100	95
Songo	June 1903	1	04 48			100
La Maya	. Dec. 1903		1	34	123	
Socorro		And and			1	
Ti Arriba	Nov. 1903				130	
Cuatro Caminos	. Feb. 1904				100	
Dos Bocas	. Nov. 1903				13	35
MANZANILLO	. Nov. 1899	10	02 27	102	2	
Jibacoa	. Apr. 1903		23		1 2	-30
Yara	May 1903		13			
Niquero			.3			25
Campechuela	. 1901					35
BAYAMO	. Jan. 1904	10	04 27	27	1	70
Jiguani	Mch. 1904	19	04 2/	-1	3	70
Baire	Jan. 1904	Street, March			100	1
TUNAS	Mch. 1903		15			
Guaimaro					1	
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	June 1901	19	02 7	-100	3	60
Minas					1	
Nuevitas		13/15			194	25
Ciego de Avila		Maria .	4		100	35
GUANTANAMO					-	
			223	543	8	1063

^{*}Out-stations also.

Santiago District—The church in Santiago has had a year of growth and development. Pastor Barocio should have more time to devote to the work in the city, but calls from the surrounding places have been so urgent that he has been compelled to be away much of the time. The day school under the direction of Miss Gowen has enrolled about 50 pupils and is doing most excellent work. At El Caney there are large congregations and an excellent Sunday School; also an industrial school conducted by Miss Barkley. Boniato, Cristo and San Vicente have been under the care of the General Missionary and all present features of interest and encouragement; the new chapel at Cristo being especially stimulating to the work.

Dos Caminos, where another chapel, "The Stephen Drummond Memorial," was erected, is very prosperous, as is also San Luis. The church at the latter place, under the leadership of Pedro Delenfeo, is paying ground rent of chapel, the traveling expenses of brother Barocio and all incidentals. Songo has been the scene of a remarkable revival and 48 were baptized and a church organized. Other stations in this district have been visited with encouraging results.

Manzanillo District—The Manzanillo Church has had a year of uninterrupted prosperity and three Sunday Schools are maintained in the city. In Jibacoa and Yara the work begun in the Spring of 1903 continues with much encouragement, and brother Ripoll preaches as he has opportunity here and at Niquero and Campechuela, where large congregations gather and great attention is given to the Word. Other points are visited between these stations and the whole district seems ripe unto harvest.

Bayamo District—At Bayamo the work was begun in January, 1904, under the care of Rev. Alfred Story. The field is one of great promise, a large number of the better class having identified themselves with the work. Sixty-five presented themselves for baptism, 27 of whom have already received the ordinance, and others will follow soon.

Jiguani, Baire, Cauto, Veguita and Guisa are all promising fields in this district, and a rich harvest in the near future is expected.

Tunas District—Services have been held at Tunas and Guaimaro, Barcarro and Sibanicu, by Rev. D. A. Wilson, of Puerto Principe, who has met with a cordial reception, and as soon as a man can be put on the field to do regular work it will undoubtedly yield good results.

Puerto Principe District—The work in Puerto Principe has been slow, but there has been a steady development in the church. Rev. D. A. Wilson is now pushing the erection of a beautiful edifice that will undoubtedly be a great help to the work. Minas, a quiet country village between Puerto Principe and Nuevitas, is also under the care of brother Wilson. Large and intelligent congregations gather and there is a good Sunday School. Miss Smelser, a consecrated independent missionary, lives here, and much credit is due to her for the gathering of a fine body of young people.

Nuevitas, Senado and Lugareno are supplied by Brother Gonzales. At the former place it is expected that a number will soon be baptized and a church organized. Ciego de Avila is the scene of an interesting work under P. Valdes, assistant to brother Wilson.

Nipe District—This is an important field. Rev. T. H. Sprague is expected to occupy it as soon as he acquires command of the Spanish language.

Guantanamo—Owing to an accident the missionary appointed to this field, Rev. D. Spencer, of Charleston, S. C., was unable to go last Fall. A man should be sent at once to this important point.

In all there are seven missionary districts with one General Missionary, five male and five female missionaries and four native helpers. There are 10 churches, 26 out-stations with a membership of 542; 224 were baptized during the year. There are 19 Sunday Schools, 1,100 scholars and three

Young People's Societies with 205 members. Six chapels have been erected. More are being built, and the entire value of church property is \$41,000.

NORTHERN PORTO RICO.

REV. H. P. MCCORMICK, SAN JUAN, GENERAL MISSIONARY.

Assistant, Miss Ida Hayes, San Juan. Native helpers, Francisco Marchan, Carolina; Ramon Biron, Mediania Alta; Balerio Delgado, Ausubal; Carmelo Diaz and Delfino Muler, Caguas and Aguas Buenas, Gurabo and San Lorenzo. Rev. E. L. Humphrey, Cayey and Cidra, Central Porto Rico.

Five years ago there was not a single evangelical church for the natives on the island of Porto Rico. The Baptists, under the auspices of the American Baptist Home Mission Society, were the pioneers. Closely in their wake came representatives of other Christian bodies, and to-day there are scores of organized churches, and even the villages all over the island enjoy Gospel privileges of some nature.

Under the terms of a unique comity arrangement, the Society, in spite of the fact that it only had two missionaries, was happily able to occupy and hold a magnificent territory embracing over one-fourth of the island, and representing about 250,000 people. American Baptists, therefore, are charged with the solemn and exclusive responsibility of spiritual development of this splendid field.

Our loyalty to God and to the trust which we have accepted at His hands, should be stimulated by the remembrance that the wisdom, effectiveness, expediency and results of our church life, and missionary methods will be tested here by contrast with the adjoining fields in exclusive charge of other denominations.

It will be conceded by all that in proportion to the men and money employed, the Baptist work has, thus far, been signally and peculiarly prospered of God.

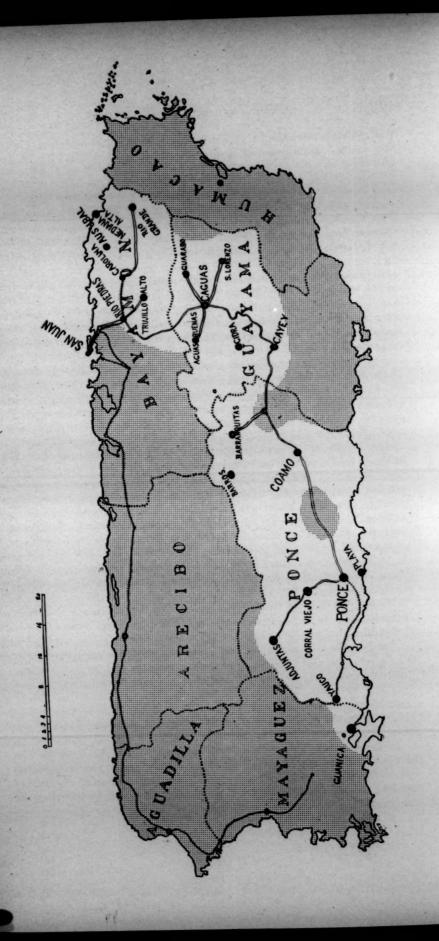
The writer knows of no Porto Rican who, five years ago was a member of any evangelical church. True Christian baptism had never been administered

To-day, through the Baptists alone, there are over 800 baptized believers organized into some 17 active, enthusiastic and spiritual New Testament churches.

This year has been a good one. New stations have been opened and the churches have grown in strength and experience. Many native unpaid brethren have done noble work, and the Society's missionaries, Carmelo Diaz and Francisco Marchan, have been faithful and successful.

In August, 1903, the Porto Rican Baptist Association held its second session with the Rio Piedras Church. Especially notable was the part taken by the native brethren.

In January, 1904, the whole field received a fresh impulse from the visit of the Corresponding Secretary, Dr. H. L. Morehouse. The missionaries find it difficult to speak without appearing to exaggerate of the wealth of comfort, counsel and cheer brought them and their people by this apostolic confirmation.



On March 1, 1904 appeared the first number of our Baptist religious journal, the *El Evangelista*. It has about 400 subscribers, and must prove very useful as a unifying, as well as an educating agency. The writer will act as editor until such time as it can be placed under native direction.

It is expected that Miss Hayes will, after five years of very trying and unremitting labor, take, in May, a trip to the United States. She stands very high here in all circles, and is greatly honored for her activities in all philanthropical and Christian work.

Rev. E. L. Humphrey, of Cayey, has had a most prosperous year. In January, 1904, he organized a new church at Cidra, with the brightest outlook. He has, in large part, with his own hands prepared a beautiful church house for this enthusiastic congregation, and has extended his work through the outlying districts. An interesting work under his charge, too, is that among the Porto Rican soldiers, several of whom now are fighting "the good fight." Brother Humphrey has made rapid advance in Spanish, and has proven himself to be a wise, tactful and successful missionary.

NORTHERN PORTO RICO.

Fields.	Work Begun.	Church Org.	Bapt.	Memters.	Pupils in S. S.	Out- state
San Juan	Feb. 1800	1899	9	69	45	1
Rio Piedras		1899	12	130	45 86	2
Carolina Mediania		1900	10	13	21	I
	Aug. 1901	1001	27	41	25	3 3
Ausubal	1903	1903	28	36	35	3
Caguas Aguas	1900	1900	59	75	24	3
Buenas	1900	1900	4	30	18	
Gurabo	1902	1902	22	22	30	1
San Lorenzo	1902	1902	14	24	10	
			185	440	294	13

CENTRAL PORTO RICO.

Cayey	1902	1902 1902	28 19	69	204	
			47			

The time is here when we must, by all means, build. That is the present duty. It will take a large outlay of money, and the new houses should be built to last a long time. The natives are now doing much in the way of self-support, and in many places give their own houses gladly over for preaching rooms, but we have reached that stage of development in which we need, and, for best results, must have, church buildings. This is the burden of our plea to the saints in the United States. With our churches housed and these ruinous rent bills cut off we can, without increased appropriations, widely extend the work.

We are deeply grateful to the Society for its wise direction and unfailing sympathy and support; and to the brethren in the churches for their generous offerings for this youngest of our missions. Porto Rico may be depended upon to give a good account of herself in the years to come. This is the training school for the future missionaries to Central and South America.

SOUTHERN PORTO RICO.

REV. A. B. RUDD, PONCE, GENERAL MISSIONARY.

Assistants, Mrs. Janie P. Duggan and Miss Hattie Greenlaw, Ponce. Native helpers, Eugenio Alvarado, Yauco and Guanica; Dionisio Hernandez, Adjuntas; Jenaro Marchan, Coamo; Gabriel de Santiago, Barros and Barranquitas; Manuel Flores, Corral Viejo, La Torre, etc.

The year just closing has not been marked by any phenomenal growth of the work. Rather has the development been gradual, though quite full of promise. The accompanying tabulated statement gives the details of the work:

SOUTHERN PORTO RICO.

Fields.	Work Begun.	Church Organ- ized.	Bapt.	Members.	Pupils in S. S.	Out- sta.
Ponce Adjuntas La Playa Yauco Coamo Corral Viejo. Guanica Barros Barranquitas	Aug. 1899 July 1900 Oct. 1900 Jan. 1902 Nov. 1899 Dec. 1902 Apr. 1903	May 1900 Dec. 1900 July 1901 Nov. 1902	27 16 9 33 7 17	172 54 43 62 22 21	190 65 40 40 40 55	3
			109	374	430	3

In November our force was increased by the coming of Miss Greenlaw, of Massachusetts, who, by diligent study of the language, is preparing herself for future usefulness. In July the Ponce Church received by baptism into its membership Don Elpidio de Mier, a converted priest, and one of the best educated men of the island, who gives promise of becoming a useful co-laborer. For some weeks he has been helping in the work in La Playa.

In January, during the visit of Dr. Morehouse to the island, a neat country chapel, costing with the lot, \$749.52, was dedicated in Corral Viejo, some six miles from Ponce. This is the first rural Protestant meeting-house ever built in Porto Rico. Another chapel is now in process of construction in La Playa. It is to cost from \$2,000 to \$2,500, and will probably be ready for dedication early in May. Excellent lots have been secured in Yauco, Coamo and Barros, and in the latter town a chapel is soon to be erected.

During the year work has been established in Barros and Barranquitas, both inland towns and centers of large country districts. To a very remarkable degree Barros is open to the Gospel. Many have asked for baptism, and in April we hope to baptize those who may be ready, and organize another church.

Work among the women and children continues to grow in interest. Mrs. Duggan, whose efficient help has contributed so largely to the success of the work on the field, knows the secret of reaching the heart with the Truth.

We have reached, on this side of the island, the limit of the towns to which we may go with the Gospel, as all are now occupied by the different denominations. Henceforth, the problems confronting us will be to intensify the work already begun in the towns and cities and to reach the country districts with the Truth. In the suburbs of Ponce we have recently opened two new stations where Sunday Schools and weekly preaching services are held, a part of the additional expense being borne by the Ponce church; while one of its members, under the direction and wholly at the charges of the church, is giving one-half of his time to teaching the Word to the humble country folk. In this way the ideas of Gospel extension and intension, as well as that of self-support, are fostered among the members.

With gratitude for the blessings of the past year, and with great hope for the future, we lay hold of the promises and "press forward."

CO-OPERATION IN VIRGINIA.

D. N. VASSAR, D.D., LYNCHBURG, GENERAL MISSIONARY.

The coöperative work in Virginia is in excellent condition. It is being pushed with interest and vigor. Since April 1, 1903, 59 institutes have been held; 516 ministers and deacons, and about 30,000 others have been in attendance. In the churches and other places a total of about 75,000 people have been reached by the four missionaries on the field. These mission-

aries have delivered 750 addresses and sermons; 313 persons have been baptized as the immediate results of the coöperative work; 1,371 house-to-house religious visits have been made; 22 young colored men have declared their intention to give their lives to the work of the ministry, looking forward to preparing themselves in school for the work. Many of the ordained ministers, who are pastors of churches, feel that they are not prepared and that they ought to attend school. Some will go next year. Many would go but circumstances are against them.

The missionaries have had the cordial and zealous assistance of the

ablest white ministers in the institutes.

The institute work is very profitable to all the people. One preacher said, "I have learned more in these institutes than I ever thought of before." Another said, "If we had the institutes, there is no need to go to school." Still another said, "They have put new life in me and I see the Bible as I never saw it before." An old deacon arose, leaning on his hickory staff, and said, "God bless the white folks and the colored folks that sent you here."

Never a word is said against the missionary work in Virginia. If there is anything that we agree upon it is this work. Every man feels that it ought to be done. Thank God, the ministry and the laity are together along this line. The colored Baptists are hoping for the day when they can put more men on the field. They thank the American Baptist Home Mission Society for what it has done and is doing. You never hear a word against the Society.

CO-OPERATION IN NORTH CAROLINA.

J. A. WHITTED, D.D., RALEIGH, GENERAL MISSIONARY.

The Conventional year which closed with October was the eighth year of cooperation in North Carolina. The reports showed that the work was still progressive. Considerable interest has been manifested in the institute work. The plan which contemplates an institute somewhere for each week in the year has been carried out almost to the letter. Out of 52 weeks we have been able, as the report shows, to hold 50 institutes. These meetings were well attended, the subjects ably discussed and the people have been greatly edified. Where these meetings have been held regularly the condition of the locality has been wonderfully improved. Home and home life has been a specialty in the meetings, and it may be said that many neat cottages and improved lives in these houses have been the results.

In a single town 30 new homes, a beautiful school building and other improvements are largely the results of the "New Era Institute Work."

One of our leading clergymen said a few days ago, "Coöperation, in its eight years of existence in North Carolina, has done more for the negro Baptists than all the other agencies employed during all the years of our previous history." Many others share a like opinion concerning the results of the work. It has simply brought new light and life to our educational and missionary work throughout the entire State and we enjoy a place in

the estimation of others which we have never before realized. We have by no means attained the "high-water mark," but our progress gives great encouragement.

Since the work has been going on in North Carolina our collections for missions, education and church work generally have increased ten-fold. We undertook at the beginning of the year to raise a thousand dollars for Foreign Missions and a thousand dollars for our Theological Department at Shaw University. We succeeded in raising the amount for Foreign Missions and five hundred fifty dollars for the Theological Department. This is by far in advance of anything we have yet done. We have raised the standard for the present year and we have reason to hope for better results this year. It is quite encouraging to find in our Theological classes men who are fifty years old trying to better prepare themselves to preach the Gospel and it is highly necessary if they would maintain their place as leaders of the people. The demands on our pulpit are greater by far than they have ever been.

Many of our Associations have willingly given to support, or partly support one or more young men in their preparation for the Gospel Ministry.

There was never such a thirst among the Baptists for education as there is now. All over the State Associations have established secondary schools and yet all look to Shaw University as the great center for higher instruction. The University is crowded and our endeavor will be to unite our forces in an effort to erect, or to assist in the erection of an additional building for the accommodation of the increasing numbers.

CO-OPERATIVE WORK IN GEORGIA.

REV. A. B. MURDEN, ATHENS, GA., GENERAL MISSIONARY.

The following is an annual report of the coöperative work in Georgia ending March 31, 1904, for the three missionaries employed:

We have preached 434 sermons, delivered 406 lectures, visited 1,131 churches, visited 92 Sunday Schools, conducted 46 New Era Institutes, with an attendance of deacons 178, of ministers 213, and attendance of others 9,700, sold 23 libraries to ministers, and raised for missions and education, \$1,833.04.

The work of the New Era Institutes is taking fast hold upon the people all over the State; we have more demands for these meetings than we can fill. Notwithstanding the very severe winter and spring each one of us has been kept indeed busy. The whole State is alive now, preparing for our annual meeting, which will be held with the Wheat Street Baptist Church, Rev. P. James Bryant, D.D., pastor, Atlanta, Ga., June 15-19, 1904. Six thousand dollars is the watch-word for the colored Baptists of Georgia this year to maintain our missionary and educational work. Our coöperative missionaries, through the New Era Institute work, are mighty factors in this great stimulation to activity.

Georgia, perhaps, never before witnessed. The colored Baptists of this State will never be able to pay the debt of gratitude they owe to the great Home Mission Society for what she has done and is still doing in preparing ministers for Christian work, to see their duty and go about it.

CO-OPERATIVE WORK IN KENTUCKY.

REV. P. H. KENNEDY, HENDERSON, GENERAL MISSIONARY.

This closes the sixth and begins the seventh year of cooperative work with your Society among colored people.

This has been our hardest year in missionary work for means to carry it on, but we have in some way kept up our part of the expenses and have supported an extra District Missionary on the field at a fair salary.

Many of the churches are just beginning to see the need of missionary work in their own congregations as well as in the rural districts. Some of the larger churches in our cities and towns are appointing men and women missionaries to work among their membership.

The Baptist women have organized a State Convention which is destined to be to the missionary work of the State what the Baptist Women's Educational Convention has been to the educational work of the State, so we are very hopeful of an advanced movement in our missionary work in the future.

The New Era Institute work has never been so effective as during the present season. The attendance has not been so large as at some other seasons, but we have had more of the better class of people in attendance. Our white brothers are serving us grandly. Rev. J. W. Warder, D.D., ex-Corresponding Secretary of the General Association, a most excellent Christian man employed as their institute instructor, is now giving the whole of his time in institute work among our people. Through his extensive acquaintance with his brethren we are blessed with lectures from some of the best talent in the State. We manage to hold one institute per week during the Fall, Winter, and Spring. These lectures have been very helpful to the congregations as well as to the ministers, and the minister who does not in some way take a part in the institute work is counted a back number. When these meetings are held in places where we have a school or a college one or more sessions must be held with them for the benefit of the students, who highly appreciate them. leading pastors and churches are in harmony with the work, and the columns of our denominational papers, both white and colored, are open to us, and the editors are ever ready and willing to speak an encouraging word to and for us.

III.—CHURCH EDIFICE DEPARTMENT.

THE YEAR'S WORK.

The number of churches aided during the year is 102; by gift only, 77; by loan only, 5; by gift and loan, 20. The total number of grants from the loan fund is 25, and from the gift fund, 97. The location of the churches receiving aid is in the following States, Territories, Provinces and Republics:

By gifts—Arizona, 2; California, 6; Canada, 1; Colorado, 1; Connecticut, 2; Cuba, 7; Idaho, 4; Illinois, 10; Indian Territory, 2; Kansas, 5; Massachusetts, 1; Mexico, 2; Minnesota, 10; Montana, 1; Nebraska, 2; New Mexico, 2; North Dakota, 4; Oklahoma, 5; Oregon, 3; Porto Rico, 9; Washington, 10; West Virginia, 1; Wisconsin, 4; Wyoming, 3.

By loans—Arizona, 2; California, 1; Colorado, 1; Idaho, 1; Illinois, 4; Minnesota, 3; New Mexico, 1; Oklahoma, 1; Oregon, 2; Washington, 6; West Virginia, 1; Wisconsin, 1; Wyoming, 1.

YEAR.	NUMBER.	BY GIFT ONLY.	BY LOAN ONLY.	BY GIFT AND
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1881-2	66	56	Io	
1882-3	97	66	18	13
1883-4	107	68	13	26
1884-5	113	61	39	13
1885-6	62	23	36	3
1886-7	62	29	29	4
1887-8	88	46	22	20
1888-9	70	33	- 20	17
1889-90	70 87 88	54 58 66	16	17
1890-1	88	58	14	16
1891-2	121	66	20	35
1892-3	110	72	12	26
1893-4	. 84	63 68	5	16
1894-5	89	68	12	9
1895-6	93	54	22	17
1896-7	79	57	10	12
1897-8	79 85 80	59	16	10
1898-9	80	55	12	13
1899-1900	72	56	6	10
1001-0001	52	55 56 38 63	9	5
1901-1902	80	63	. 6	11
1902-1903	74	54	10	10
1903-1904	102	77	5	20

The nationalities aided by gifts are as follows: American, 60; German, 4; Swede, 7; Cuban, 7; Porto Rican, 9; Norwegian, 2; Scandinavian, 1; Mexican, 3; Colored, 2; Indian, 1; Bohemian, 1.

The nationalities aided by loans are as follows: American, 21;

Swede, 2; Norwegian, 1; Colored, 1.

The whole number of churches aided up to the present time is 2,305; of these 1,968 have been aided in the past twenty-three years.

The foregoing table shows the number of churches assisted

during the past twenty-three years.

LOAN FUND STATISTICS FOR FISCAL YEAR 1903-1904.

Loans repaid		\$22,085.54
Principal of the Fund	\$149,589.73	\$22,005.54
churches	642.00	
Number of churches that have paid their loans during the year	31	
Number of loans outstanding	222	

GIFT FUND STATISTICS FOR FISCAL YEAR 1903-1904.

Contributions	\$1,878.36	
Designated		
Legacies		
Income from investments		
Realized from former gifts	3,639.28	\$46,526.27
Aggregate of gifts to 97 churches	\$57,957.88	\$40,520.27
Average to each	597.50	

The total amount of grants from the Loan and Gifts Funds of \$74,007.88 has secured church property of the value of \$181,931.

CONCERNING THE NEW LOAN PLAN.

In accordance with the action of the Society at the meeting last year, the rate of interest on loans since then has been made at five instead of six per cent. as formerly; and other churches

which had loans previously were given the benefit of the reduction, when not in arrears for interest after July 1st, 1903. Notices of this action were sent to all churches in the expectation that those in arrears would square their accounts with the fund and avail themselves of the reduction. Some of these did so, but many disregarded the proposition. After reasonable extension of time for this purpose, the Board in September directed the Treasurer: "That when a church having a loan from the Society disregards a second notice from the Treasurer of this Society for the payment of interest or any part thereof that may be due or overdue; the Treasurer be and he is hereby instructed and authorized, subject to the approval of the Church Edifice Committee to send with the third notice a statement that unless matters are properly adjusted within thirty days thereafter, foreclosure proceedings will be begun by the Society." It has become necessary to send this statement to a number of churches, some of which have been duly exercised thereby to give attention to their just obligations to these Trust funds of the Society. No foreclosure action has yet been ordered, and it is hoped that none may be necessary; but in extreme cases of inattention to financial obligations it will be inevitable and the responsibility therefor will rest on the delinquent churches themselves.

It is not yet clear to what extent the reduction in the rate of interest is likely to increase the demand for loans. While only five churches have been aided entirely by loans, twenty others have had loans in addition to gifts, so that the whole number of loans the past year is 25, as against an average of 17 for the four previous years, and equal to the average for the six years previous to that period.

THE PRESENT EMPHASIS IN CHURCH EDIFICE WORK.

It is customary to apportion the estimated amount available for Church Edifice work, among the various mission fields of the Society, as nearly as possible according to their relative needs; in the older states requiring the Conventions to raise a reasonable pro rata amount in addition for this specific work. In several of the newer fields, with very meagre resources, nothing of this

sort can be done. Yet in those very regions the demand for church

edifices may be the greatest.

The developments in Northern Minnesota and in Washington have called for liberal appropriations to those States; and the remarkable progress of our cause in Cuba and Porto Rico has compelled the Society to make provision as rapidly as possible for more than forty established missions whose services generally are held in cramped and unattractive rented quarters, sometimes in the principal room of a residence, sometimes in a bare store room. The rental for seventeen such places aggregates nearly \$3,500 annually. To reduce this expense and to provide neat but not expensive chapels is the urgent demand just now. Some generous givers have enabled the Society to make a good beginning in this respect, so that now we have ten houses of worship, including two approaching completion, the value of which is about \$57,000. During the recent visit of the Corresponding Secretary to those islands, four chapels were dedicated, as also a fifth building that has been adapted to public services. One of these, at Dos Caminos, Cuba, was built mainly through the liberality of the Baptist Churches at Washington, Pa., as a memorial to an honored minister of the Gospel and will be known as the Stephen Drummond Memorial Chapel.

At the special meeting of the Board, March 28th, to consider the condition and needs of these mission fields it was decided that six or seven more houses should be erected the coming year at an expenditure of \$35,000; the largest appropriation being for property in San Juan, Porto Rico. It is earnestly hoped that the denomination will sustain the Society in putting its promising missions in these islands on a substantial basis.

Replies to careful inquiries made of our principal representatives on other fields state that at least 148 church edifices should be erected the coming year, most of them needing aid from the Society. This number is only a fraction of the homeless mission churches and of others that will soon spring into existence, for whom further provision must year by year be made. For all these purposes, therefore, the Society ought to have \$65,000 at its disposal this year.

In Mexico, property was acquired early last year in Puebla and the building thereon reconstructed with an appropriate churchly front, together with some changes for the missionary's residence, under the supervision of Mr. Sloan at an expense of \$3,500. Property has also been acquired at San Luis Potosi and a special gift of \$3,500 is available for Aguas Calientes. The modest house at El Porvenir, near Montemorelos, in New Leon has also been completed; so that we now have seven Baptist church edifices in Mexico, with the prospect of two more very soon.

IV.—EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

The year has been one of great prosperity in all the schools assisted by the Society. The total enrollment, as shown in the accompanying table, is 7,814, being 600 more than last year, of whom about three sevenths are males and four sevenths females. Students for the ministry are almost the same as last year. There has been no change in the Presidency of any institution. In several states the colored Baptists are contributing toward the support of teachers and the erection of buildings. Though the amount generally is not large it is gratifying as an expression of their disposition to assume a share in these burdens. Indeed, for several of the secondary schools aided by the Society to a moderate extent, considerable sums have been given by their respective constituencies.

RETROSPECTIVE.

It was in 1864, just forty years ago, that the Society vigorously began its work for the Freedmen. Preliminary investigation into their condition had been made in 1862, and in 1863 plans were adopted which were put into execution early the following year. The work was necessarily limited to localities where the Union forces had established themselves.

The principal points occupied by about twenty laborers, besides a few appointed elsewhere for temporary service, were Washington, D.C.; Alexandria, Newport News, Norfolk and Portsmouth, Va.; Beaufort and St. Helena, S.C.; Nashville, Knoxville and Memphis, Tenn.; Helena, Ark.; and New Orleans, La. The work began more than a year before the close of the

GENERAL STATISTICS OF SCHOOLS, 1903-1904.

Name and Location.	Enrollment.	Males.	Females.	Boarding.	Conversions.	Students for Ministry.	Teachers.	Employees.	Volumes in Library.	Value of Property.
labama Baptist Colored University, Selma, Ala	479	184	295	158	15	35	1	8	2,500	\$40,000
Illanta Baptist College, Atlanta, Ga	180	180	224	125	00	43	133		2,500	50,000
enedict College, Columbia, S. C.	342	149	193	. 163	00 V	*	30		5,925	
Ishop College, Marshall, Lexas	145	211	145	283	0 :	30	22	ma	4,200	150,000
ackson College, Jackson, Miss	290	86	192	152	11	15	13		1.000	50,000
loger Williams University, Nashville, Tenn	254	149	105	191	2	25	13	S	0000	150,000
haw University, Raleigh, N. C	664	208	201	382	0	2 2	35	=:	3.300	136,350
nelman Seminary, Atlanta, Ga.	059	6:	9	336	42	30		1:	2005	40,000
irginia Union University, Richmond, Va	*233	233	:	123	6	83	92	2 20	10,000	300,000
Vestern College, Macon, Mo	114	43	71		:	15	OI	מי		15,000
mericus Institute, Americus, Ga	147	43	104	88	3	6	90	0	300	6,500
loride Bentist Academy Tacksonville Fla	240	103	137	101	170	6.	0 ;	. 63	000	15,000
lorida Institute, Live Oak, Fla	252	88	104	15	an •	+ 51	* "		1.200	15.000
alifax Institute, Houston, Va	55	21	34	10			3	:	**	1,000
earne Academy, Hearne, Texas	71	32	39	38	90	11	S	+	250	10,000
ouston Academy, Houston, Texas	145	20	95	70	00 V	7	6	2	200	8,500
lowe Bible and Normal Institute, Memphis, Lenn	304	153	112		0 :	12	01	:	200	25,000
evaville Mission Industrial School, Keysville, Va.	131	75	95	31		. :	- 07	: 06	350	2,600
ather School, Beaufort, S. C.	187	57	130	250	2 80		00	:	100	2,000
ew Bern Collegiate Institute, New Bern, N. C.	132	54	78	:	45	:	9		105	15,000
oiller Academy, Hampton, Va	16	33	28	34	9	61	S	17		10,000
Talker Institute, Augusta, Ga.	148	54	5	54	+	20	6	+	150	10,000
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war, April 9, 1865. Directly after that event the Society at its meeting in St. Louis, Mo., formally and most emphatically committed itself to a forward movement on behalf of the emancipated and unlettered millions, involving it, in the ordering of Providence, in the extensive educational enterprises that now constitute so prominent a feature of its work. At that meeting the Board reported \$4,978.69 received for the "Freedmen's Fund," and 68 laborers in twelve Southern States.

Since then, about \$4,000,000 have gone into this work, nearly or quite one-fourth of it into school properties. The annual expenditure for maintenance of these schools and for other missionary purposes is, approximately, \$140,000; while additional amounts designated for buildings and improvements, have made the totals in some years from \$175,000 to \$200,000. No further large outlay for land and buildings will be required at most of the higher institutions after the projected improvements of the coming year; though for two or three a comparatively moderate sum is yet greatly needed. For their better equipment as well as for the large force of instructors in the various departments enlarged contributions are required.

After these forty years it is fitting that the denomination at this meeting of the Society should hear from men qualified to speak on these subjects, about the aims of these institutions, their value, and the uncompleted work before us. Furthermore, it may be desirable, at the next meeting of the Society, forty years after the emancipation proclamation eventuated in the abolition of slavery, to devote more thorough and comprehensive consideration to these educational problems than they have hitherto received. In the midst of present discussions and criticisms and the uncertainty of many on the subject of education for the Negro, such a meeting might result in the clarification of opinion and mark out the lines of activity for forty years to come.

MATERIAL IMPROVEMENTS.

As appears in the Treasurer's report \$72,174.25 have been expended during the year in additions to school properties and \$14,-456.70 for special improvements, equipment, etc., making a total of \$86,630.95. A portion of the amount for equipment was given

for this purpose. The expenditure of \$10,555.00 for the new building at Bishop College, Texas, was from funds thus designated. The two new and commodious brick buildings at Jackson College, with equipment, at an outlay of \$41,075.55 were erected mainly from the proceeds of the sale of the former site and buildings. The dedicatory exercises occurred Nov. 22d, the Corresponding and Field Secretaries and two District Secretaries representing the Society on that occasion. It was very gratifying also to have present as participants in the services, the State Superintendent of Education, the President of the white Baptist College of Mississippi, a prominent representative of the white Methodist College; the Editor of the Mississippi Baptist, and the pastors of the white Baptist churches of the City, all of whom expressed their hearty sympathy with the work and their commendation of the management of the school under President and Mrs. Barrett. One building has been named "Ayer Hall" in honor of Rev. Charles Aver and wife, who for many years were at the head of the school; the other, "Barrett Hall" in honor of President and Mrs. Barrett.

The expense for the new building at Indian University, \$9,035.40, was met mostly by money designated for it, the expense for heating and equipment being met by special appropriations.

The expenditure of \$6,673.00 at Tahlequah, I.T., includes two principal items, the first, of about \$1,000 paid to acquire title, under the recent act of Congress, to ninety acres of valuable land which has been occupied for mission purposes for nearly forty years; the remainder, for the erection of a school building, nearly two-thirds of the expense thereof being met by proceeds of the sale of the Atoka School property and by special contributions. Hence, these necessary improvements have not drawn heavily on the general funds of the Society.

MORAL AND RELIGIOUS CULTURE.

The production of strong Christian character has been and is the distinctive aim of the Society through these schools for the colored people. Without this, scholarship, or skill in handicrafts counts for but little in the elevation of any race. If half that is alleged concerning the moral and religious life of the bulk of the colored people is true, then here is where the emphasis in their education should be placed.

The Society's theory in its educational work is that the two great factors in the moral and religious improvement of the colored people are clean, capable and consecrated preachers and teachers. The preacher has almost unbounded influence with his people; the teacher touches the springs of life of the oncoming generation. The production of such Christian leadership is our supreme aim. Other educational ideals and specialties have their place and are of value; but the paramount thing is the type of education for which the Society has stood and stands to-day. And where its work has been strongest and longest for the colored people there its fruitage in the character and conduct of the people is richest.

How positive and far-reaching are the influences of students trained in many of these institutions may be seen from a record obtained recently of graduates of Spelman Seminary, Atlanta, Ga., whose motto, conspicuous in its large chapel, is: "Our whole school for Christ." From the report of the President and Dean to the last meeting of the Board of Trustees, the following extract is taken:

"Special inquiry blanks have been lately sent to a large number of former students who have been teaching, and ninety-nine have been filled out and returned. 88 per cent. report that they have been able to influence the home life of their pupils, and the ways they specify wherein they have secured improvement are industry, kindness, neatness, self-respect and respect for others, peace among themselves, better dress, manners, morals, and home government, better homes and surroundings, family prayers, and attendance at Sabbath-school and charch. 73 per cent. have adorned the schoolrooms or the school grounds; 90 per cent. report temperance work, 74 per cent. encouraging success therein; 96 per cent. have been Sunday-school workers."

In furtherance of this ruling purpose of the Society, a conference on the "Moral and Religious Training of Young, in Home, School and Church," was arranged for, with full concurrence of officers of the Society, by President Sale of Atlanta Baptist College last November. Leading white and colored men of Georgia and Secretaries of the Society were on the programme.

A deep impression was made upon the large student body and others in attendance. Another similar conference is contemplated next fall.

Largely, with the same objects in view, have "Ministers' Institutes" been held, theological instructors in some of the schools devoting a portion of each year to field work of this character. Through these powerful leverages largely must the race be raised to a higher intellectual, moral and religious plane.

VISITATION OF SCHOOLS.

Since Dr. MacVicar's retirement about three years ago, as Superintendent of Education, to take the Presidency of Virginia Union University, no one has been appointed to the position. Most of the higher and some of the secondary schools have able and experienced Presidents or Principals and need a minimum of supervision, beyond what they get in the way of examination of monthly and annual reports that are submitted to the officers at the Rooms of the Society. It is, however, customary for the Corresponding Secretary to make one or more visits annually to a number of these institutions, in connection with meetings of Boards of Trustees. Last fall he visited seven schools and this spring five others. At times some other officer of the Society or member of the Executive Board has accompanied him. friendly offices of the Secretary of the General Education Board, himself a former member of the Executive Board of this Society, in ascertaining conditions, and imparting information growing out of his frequent visits to the South have been highly appreciated. Whether, all things considered, a Superintendent of Education is now needed is therefore an open question. It is probable that plans will be made for biennial meetings of the leading representatives of these schools, for deliberate consideration of all matters pertaining thereto.

SCHOOLS FOR THE INDIANS.

The new dormitory building for girls at Indian University was completed and occupied last fall and constitutes a valuable addition to the equipment of the school which is enjoying a high degree of prosperity. Indeed, in this period of reconstruction in Indian Territory, serious thought is being given by our Baptist leaders there of concentrating the higher educational work of the denomination for the whites upon this institution, while at the same time making proper provision for the education of Indian youth.

At Tahlequah, the Cherokee Academy is very prosperous, to such an extent indeed that a Pedobaptist school which had been maintained there for many years is likely to be given up, its directors stating that as the Cherokees are mostly Baptists, there is neither need of the school nor special advantage in its maintenance. The new building of brick, recently dedicated, affords good accommodations for instruction and gives the school a standing in the place that it never had before. A small dormitory building for about fifty Indian students would be a great advantage in every way.

The statistics which follow are for the year ending June 1, 1903.

Alabama Colored Baptist University, founded at Selma, Ala., 1878; incorporated, 1878; Rev. R. T. Pollard, D.D., President, 1902. Teachers employed, white, 3; colored, 11; present estimated value of property, \$40,-000.00; floating debts, \$350.00; balance in hand from previous year, \$234.72; from tuition, \$1,525.72; from board, \$4,449.62; white churches and individuals, \$205.31; colored churches and individuals, \$1,288.93; old accounts, \$235.40; sources not included in classified accounts, \$338.68; total receipts, \$8,278.38; expenditures for school supplies, \$216.96; boarding department, \$3,293.66; improvements and repairs, \$521.17; gratuities, \$55.00; salaries, \$6,271.03; sundries not included in classified accounts, \$592.79; total expenditures, \$10,050.61; appropriations by the Society, \$1,100.00; by State Board, \$150.00; Woman's State Convention, \$300.00; by Women's Society of Chicago, \$680.00; by the Home Board, Southern Baptist Convention, \$250.00; by the trustees, \$3,791.03; total appropriations, \$6,271.03; enrollment, males, 165; females, 228; total, 393; average attendance, day students, 182; boarders, 75; general average, 257; receiving systematic instruction in industrial work, 124; preparing to teach, 107; preparing for the ministry, 38; pursuing ministers' course, 38; conversions, 23; average cost per pupil for instruction only, \$24.40; for school supplies only, 84c.; for board, including all necessary labor in preparing it for use, \$43.91; for all expenses incurred in conducting the school, except special improvements, \$40.58.

*Arkansas Baptist College, founded at Little Rock, Ark., 1887; incorporated, 1885; Rev. Joseph A. Booker, D.D., President, 1889. Teachers employed, colored, 16; present estimated value of property, \$40,000.00; ap-

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propriations by the Society, \$1,400.00; by the trustees, \$4,000.00; total appropriations, \$5,400.00; enrollment, males, 186; females, 165; total, 351; average attendance, day students, 195; boarders, 112; general average, 307; preparing for college, 12; pursuing college course, 5; receiving systematic instruction in industrial work, 29; preparing to teach, 88; preparing for the

ministry, 25; conversions, 6;

Atlanta Baptist College, founded originally at Augusta, Ga., 1867; transferred to Atlanta; incorporated, 1879; charter amended, 1897; changing the name to Atlanta Baptist College, and giving the power of granting degrees; Rev. George Sale, President, 1890. Teachers employed, white, 5; colored, 9; present estimated value of property, \$75,000.00; endowment fund, \$21,000.00; receipts from tuition, \$895.42; from board, \$5,101.86; white churches and individuals, \$415.00; colored churches and individuals, \$113.77; old accounts, \$130.93; sources not included in classified accounts, \$1,406.37; total receipts, \$8,063.35; expenditures for school supplies, \$390.78; boarding department, \$3,227.30; improvements and repairs, \$745.01; gratuities, \$227.97; salaries, \$8,052.00; sundries not included in classified accounts, \$2,919.05; total expenditures, \$15,562.11; appropriations by the Society, \$8,052.00; enrollment, males, 178; average attendance, day students, 50; boarders, 68; general average, 118; pursuing college course, 14; receiving systematic instruction in industrial work, 15; preparing to teach, 42; preparing for the ministry, 46; pursuing ministers' course, 31; conversions, 4; average cost per pupil for instruction only, \$68.23; for school supplies only, \$3.31; for board, including all necessary labor in preparing it for use, \$47.43; for all expenses incurred in conducting the school, except special improvements, \$125.56.

Benedict College, founded at Columbia, S. C., 1870; incorporated, 1895; Rev. A. C. Osborn, D.D., President, 1895. Teachers employed, white, 12; colored, 8; present estimated value of property, \$100,000.00; endowment fund, \$125,000.00; receipts from tuition, \$1,741.28; from board, \$4,680.20; white churches and individuals, \$5,625.87; colored churches and individuals, \$563.04; old accounts, \$55.95; sources not included in classified accounts, \$1,222.74; total receipts, \$13,889.08; expenditures for school supplies, \$209.83; boarding department, \$4,298.97; improvements and repairs, \$5,-857.39; gratuities, \$879.23; salaries, \$7,854.07; sundries not included in classified accounts, \$2,493.02; total expenditures, \$21,592.51; appropriations by the Society, \$7,400.00; by Women's Society of Chicago, \$360.00; by the trustees, \$94.07; total appropriations, \$7,854.07; enrollment, males, 168; females, 214; total, 382; average attendance, day students, 126; boarders, 112; general average, 238; preparing for college, 10; pursuing college course, 16; receiving systematic instruction in industrial work, 156; preparing to teach, 166; preparing for the ministry, 47; pursuing ministers' course, 22; pursuing missionary training course, 33; pursuing nurse training course, 2; average cost per pupil for instruction only, \$33.00; for school supplies only, 88c.; for board including all necessary labor in preparing it for use, \$38.38; for all expenses incurred in conducting the school except special improvements, \$66.11.

Bishop College, founded at Marshall, Tex., 1881; incorporated, 1885; Rev. A. B. Chaffee, D.D., President, 1901. Teachers employed, white 13; colored, 10; present estimated value of property, \$150,000.00; balance in hand from previous year, \$830.69; receipts from Slater fund, \$1,500.00; from tuition, \$2,984.61; from board, \$12,545.82; colored churches and individuals, \$209.07; old accounts, \$368.37; sources not included in classified accounts, \$613.21; total receipts, \$19,051.77; expenditures for school supplies, \$2,987.78; boarding department, \$9,227.32; improvements and repairs, \$2,351.81; students' labor, \$82.00; gratuities, \$96.12; salaries, \$8,575.20; sundries not included in classified accounts, \$882.57; total expenditures, \$24,202.80; appropriations by the Society, \$7,075.20; Slater Board, \$1,500.00; total appropriations, \$8,575.20; enrollment, males, 208; females, 211; total, 419; average attendance, day students, 129; boarders, 178; general average, 307; preparing for college, 58; pursuing college course, 19; receiving systematic instruction in industrial work, 324; preparing to teach, 98; preparing for the ministry, 26; pursuing ministers' course, 21; receiving gratuity, 2; conversions, 11; average cost per pupil for instruction only, \$27.90; for school supplies only, \$9.73; for board including all necessary labor in preparing it for use, \$51.81; for all expenses incurred in conducting the school except special improvements, \$71.17.

Hartshorn Memorial College (for females only), founded at Richmond, Va., 1884; incorporated, 1884; Rev. L. B. Tefft, D.D., President, 1884. Teachers employed, white, 8; colored, 3; present estimated value of property, \$50,000.00; balance in hand from previous year, \$3,989.46; receipts from tuition. \$1,125.90; from board, \$4,034.38; white churches and individuals, \$1,748,30; colored churches and individuals, \$78.10; old accounts, \$222.92; sources not included in classified accounts, \$28.25; total receipts, \$11,227.31; expenditures for school supplies, \$227.28; boarding department, \$2,901.08; improvements and repairs, \$2,251.00; gratuities, \$216.30; salaries, \$5,404.51; sundries not included in classified accounts, \$694.44; total expenditures, \$11,694.61; appropriations by the Society, \$1,200.00; by Woman's Society of Boston, \$1,550.00; by Woman's Society of Michigan, \$500.00; by the trustees, \$2,154.51; total appropriations, \$5,404.51; enrollment, females, 135; average attendance, day students, 47; boarders, 73; general average, 120; preparing for college, 8; receiving systematic instruction in industrial work, 94; preparing to teach, 80; receiving gratuity, 10; conversions, 18; average cost per pupil for instruction tonly, \$45.04; for school supplies only, \$1.89; for board including all necessary labor in preparing it for use, \$39.74; for all expenses incurred in conducting the school except

Jackson College, founded at Natchez, Miss., 1877; transferred to Jackson, Miss., 1884; Rev. L. G. Barrett, President, 1894. Teachers employed, white, 7; colored, 2; present estimated value of property, \$50,000.00; balance in hand from previous year, \$410.76; receipts from tuition, \$621.75; from board, \$1,083.25; white churches and individuals, \$35.25; old accounts, \$17.00; sources not included in classified accounts, \$1,062.61; total

special improvements, \$78.96.

receipts, \$3,230.62; expenditures for school supplies, \$156.60; boarding department, \$779.74; improvements and repairs, \$967.80; students' labor, \$2.65; gratuities, \$104.00; salaries, \$5,125.00; sundries not included in classified accounts, \$802.18; total expenditures, \$7,937.97; appropriations by the Society, \$4,725.00; by Woman's Society of Boston, \$400.00; total appropriations, \$5,125.00; enrollment, males, 29; females, 78; total, 107; average attendance, day students, 43; boarders, 19; general average, 62; receiving systematic instruction in industrial work, 69; preparing to teach, 42; preparing for the ministry, 8; pursuing ministers' course, 7; receiving gratuity, 2; conversions, 13; average cost per pupil for instruction only, \$82.66; for school supplies only, \$2.53; for board including all necessary labor in preparing it for use, \$41.04; for all expenses incurred in conducting the school except special improvements, \$112.42.

Roger Williams University, founded at Nashville, Tenn., 1864; incorporated, 1883; Rev. P. B. Guernsey, M.A., President, 1899. Teachers employed, white, 10; colored, 3; present estimated value of property, \$150,-000.00; receipts from tuition, \$1,278.18; from board, \$6,438.56; white churches and individuals, \$102.90; colored churches and individuals, \$79.76; old accounts, \$1,432.00; sources not included in classified accounts, \$131.25; total receipts, \$9,462.65; expenditures for school supplies, \$442.75; boarding department, \$5,420.50; improvements and repairs, \$1,149.83; students' labor, \$377.33; gratuities, \$520.08; salaries, \$7,940.00; sundries not included in classified accounts, \$676.71; total expenditures, \$16,527.20; appropriations by the Society, \$7,580.00; by Women's Society of Chicago, \$360.00; total appropriations, \$7,940.00; enrollment, males, 127; females, 91; total, 218; average attendance, day students, 44; boarders, 110; general average, 154; preparing for college, 35; pursuing college course, 32; receiving systematic instruction in industrial work, 81; preparing to teach, 70; preparing for the ministry, 21; pursuing ministers' course, 4; receiving gratuity, 2; conversions, 12; average cost per pupil for instruction only, \$51.55; for school supplies only, \$2.87; for board including all necessary labor in preparing it for use, \$49.28; for all expenses incurred in conducting the school except special improvements, \$99.85.

Shaw University, founded at Raleigh, N. C., 1865; incorporated, 1875; Charles F. Meserve, LL.D., President, 1893. Teachers employed, white 19; colored, 14; present estimated value of property, \$136,350.00; encumbrance, \$1,500.00; endowment fund, \$31,288.02; receipts from Slater fund, \$2,500.00; from tuition, \$5,565.78; from board, \$13,816.11; white churches and individuals, \$2,494.45; colored churches and individuals, \$698.28; old accounts, \$467.39; sources not included in classified accounts, \$3,637.45; total receipts, \$29,179.46; expenditures for school supplies, \$657.33; boarding department, \$9,668.96; improvements and repairs, \$6,873.61; students' labor, \$308.41; gratuities, \$390.57; salaries, \$16,065.00; sundries not included in classified accounts, \$2,814.00; total expenditures, \$36,777.88; appropriations by the Society, \$7,450.00; Slater Board, \$2,500.00; by Women's Society of Chicago, \$680.00; by the trustees, \$5,435.00; total appropriations, \$16,065.00; enroll-

ment, males, 288; females, 202; total, 490; average attendance, day students, 80; boarders, 264; general average, 344; preparing for college, 76; pursuing college course, 34; receiving systematic instruction in industrial work, 236; preparing to teach, 51; preparing for the ministry, 22; pursuing ministers' course, 20; pursuing missionary training course, 13; conversions, 19; average cost per pupil for instruction only, \$46.70; for school supplies only, \$1.91; for board including all necessary labor in preparing it for use, \$36.62; for all expenses incurred in conducting the school except special improvements, \$86.92.

Spelman Seminary (for females only), founded at Atlanta, Ga., 1881; incorporated, 1888; Miss S. B. Packard and Miss H. E. Giles, Associate Principals, 1881-1891; Miss H. E. Giles, President, 1891; Miss L. H. Upton, Dean, 1891. Teachers employed, white, 39; colored, 5; present estimated value of property, \$295,000.00; floating debts, \$2,228.95; endowment fund, \$6,676.00; receipts from Slater fund, \$5,000.00; from tuition, \$3,524.00; from board, \$17,927.70; white churches and individuals, \$2,894.01; colored churches and individuals, \$242.91; old accounts, \$405.89; sources not included in classified accounts, \$16,038.86; total receipts, \$46,033.37; expenditures for school supplies, \$2,640.36; boarding department, \$14,284.47; improvements and repairs, \$9,590.89; gratuities, \$1,694.42; salaries, \$18,-527.38; sundries not included in classified accounts, \$9,245.77; total expenditures, \$55,983.29; appropriations, Slater Board, \$5,000.00; by Woman's Society of Boston, \$7,720.97; by the trustees, \$5,806.41; total appropriations, \$18,527.38; enrollment, females, 640; average attendance, day students, 204; boarders, 267; general average, 471; preparing for college, 11; pursuing college course, 5; receiving systematic instruction in industrial work, 300; preparing to teach, 300; receiving gratuity, 37; pursuing missionary training course, 8; pursuing nurse training course, 14; conversions, 48; average cost per pupil for instruction only, \$39.33; for school supplies only, \$5.60; for board including all necessary labor in preparing it for use, \$53.49; for all expenses incurred in conducting the school except special improvements, \$98.50.

State University, founded at Louisville, Ky., 1873; incorporated, 1873; Rev. C. L. Purce, D.D., President, 1894. Teachers employed, colored, 10; present estimated value of property, \$40,000.00; balance in hand from previous year, \$460.19; receipts from tuition, \$719.85; from board, \$1,314.90; white churches and individuals, \$50.00; colored churches and individuals, \$3,219.09; old accounts, \$130.00; sources not included in classified accounts, \$423.75; total receipts, \$6,317.78; expenditures for school supplies, \$388.77; boarding department, \$1,181.18; improvements and repairs, \$859.98; salaries, \$3,430.53; sundries not included in classified accounts, \$374.81; total expenditures, \$6,235.27; appropriations by the Society, \$1,100.00; by the trustees, \$2,330.53; total appropriations, \$3,430.53; enrollment, males, 120; females, 60; total, 180; average attendance, day students, 125; boarders, 25; general average, 150; preparing for college, 50; pursuing college course, 16; receiving systematic instruction in industrial work, 35; preparing to

teach, 60; preparing for the ministry, 25; pursuing ministers' course, 5; conversions, 10; average cost per pupil for instruction only, \$42.11; for school supplies only, \$2.58; for board including all necessary labor in preparing it for use, \$47.24; for all expenses incurred in conducting the school except special improvements, \$35.83.

Virginia Union University (Consolidation of Wayland Seminary, founded at Washington, D. C., 1865, and Richmond Theological Seminary, founded Richmond, Va., 1867), incorporated February, 1900; M. MacVicar, LL.D., President, 1900; Rev. George R. Hovey, Vice-President. Teachers employed, white, 9; colored, 7; present estimated value of property, \$300,-000.00; endowment fund, \$90,632.18; receipts from tuition, \$2,124.80; from board, \$7,363.80; white churches and individuals, \$1,000.00; colored churches and individuals, \$109.80; old accounts, \$153.31; sources not included in classified accounts, \$934.66; total receipts, \$11,686.37; expenditures for school supplies, \$1,889.23; boarding department, \$9,206.28; improvements and repairs, \$1,056.60; students' labor, \$142.16; gratuities, \$494.93; salaries, \$16,715.45; sundries not included in classified accounts, \$1,245.39; total expenditures, \$30,750.04; appropriations by the Society, \$15,850.00; by Women's Society of Chicago, \$400.00; by the trustees, \$465.45; total appropriations, \$16,715.45; enrollment, males, 225; average attendance, day students, 52; boarders, 120; general average, 172; preparing for college, 19; pursuing college course, 21; receiving systematic instruction in industrial work, 139; preparing to teach, 6; preparing for the ministry, 79; pursuing ministers' course, 13; conversions, 1; average cost per pupil for instruction only, \$97.18; for school supplies only, \$10.98; for board including all necessary labor in preparing it for use, \$76.71; for all expenses incurred in conducting the school except special improvements, \$172.63.

SECONDARY SCHOOLS FOR COLORED PEOPLE.

*Americus Institute, Americus, Ga.; Prof. M. W. Reddick, Principal, 1898. Teachers employed, colored, 5; appropriations by the Society, \$600.00; enrollment, males, 64; females, 100; total, 164; average attendance, day students, 77; preparing to teach, 79; preparing for the ministry, 4; receiving gratuity, 3;

Coleman Academy, founded at Gibsland, La., incorporated 1887; Prof. O. L. Coleman, Principal, 1890. Teachers employed, colored, 9; present estimated value of property, \$20,000.00; floating debts, \$525.00; receipts from tuition, \$816.85; from board, \$3,225.08; white churches and individuals, \$5.00; colored churches and individuals, \$2,453.34; old accounts, \$6.60; total receipts, \$6,506.87; expenditures boarding 'department, \$3,056.74; improvements and repairs, \$691.91; salaries, \$2,477.44; total expenditures, \$6,226.09; appropriations by the Society, \$1,000.00; by the trustees, \$1,477.44; total appropriations, \$2,477.44; enrollment, males, 139; females, 153; total, 292; average attendance, day students, 62; boarders,

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71; general average, 133; pursuing college course, 22; preparing to teach, 74; preparing for the ministry, 25; conversions, 31; average cost per pupil for instruction only, \$18.62; for board including all necessary labor in preparing it for use, \$43.05; for all expenses incurred in conducting

the school except special improvements, \$41.63.

Florida Baptist Academy, founded at Jacksonville, Fla., 1892; Prof. N. W. Collier, Principal, 1896. Teachers employed, colored, 12; present estimated value of property, \$10,000.00; floating debts, \$2,000.00; receipts from tuition, \$589.31; from board, \$2,413.84; white churches and individuals, \$4,764.03; colored churches and individuals, \$815.03; old accounts, \$22.85; sources not included in classified accounts, \$150.54; total receipts, \$8,755.60; expenditures for school supplies, \$431.04; boarding department, \$1,061.29; improvements and repairs, \$113.89; students' labor, \$30.55; gratuities, \$1.80; salaries, \$3,087.96; sundries not included in classified accounts, \$4,029.27; total expenditures, \$8,755.80; appropriations by the Society, \$600.00; by Women's Society of Chicago, \$120.00; by the trustees, \$3,632.04; total appropriations, \$4,352.04; enrollment, males, 98; females, 131; total, 229; average attendance, day students, 32; boarders, 35; general average, 67; receiving systematic instruction in industrial work, 69; preparing to teach, 67; preparing for the ministry, 3; receiving gratuity, 28; average cost per pupil for instruction only, \$46.08; for school supplies only, \$6.43; for board, including all necessary labor in preparing it for use, \$30.32; for all expenses incurred in conducting the school except special improvements, \$128.98.

*Florida Institute, founded at Live Oak, Fla., 1876; incorporated 1876; L. C. Jones, Principal, 1902. Teachers employed, colored, 5; appropriations by the Society, \$400.00; enrollment, males, 73; females, 112; total, 185; average attendance, day students, 90; boarders, 33; general average, 123; pursuing college course, 16; receiving systematic instruction in industrial work, 31; preparing to teach, 11; preparing for the ministry, 4;

receiving gratuity, 1;

*Hearne Academy, founded at Hearne, Texas; Rev. S. E. J. Watson, Principal, 1902. Teachers employed, colored, 5; appropriations by the Society, \$500.00; enrollment, males, 24; females, 34; total, 58; average attendance, day students, 11; boarders, 21; general average, 32; preparing for college, 25; receiving systematic instruction in industrial work, 34; preparing to teach, 23; preparing for the ministry, 5; pursuing ministers' course, 3; receiving gratuity, 1;

Houston Academy, founded at Houston, Texas, 1893; incorporated 1893; D. A. Scott, Principal, 1900. Teachers employed, colored, 9; present estimated value of property, \$8,000.00; floating debts, \$150.00; balance in hand from previous year, \$1.43; receipts from tuition, \$634.75; from board, \$3,130.75; colored churches and individuals, \$1,251.94; old accounts, \$166.00; sources not included in classified accounts, \$264.45; total receipts, \$5,458.32; expenditures for school supplies, \$57.15; boarding de-

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partment, \$1,601.93; improvements and repairs, \$525.13; students' labor, \$296.00; gratuities, \$547.50; salaries, \$1,718.11; sundries not included in classified accounts, \$701.57; total expenditures, \$5,447.39; appropriations by the Society, \$500.00; by the trustees, \$1,218.11; total appropriations, \$1,718.11; enrollment, males, 74; females, 108; total, 182; average attendance, day students, 47; boarders 70; general average, 118; preparing for college, 6; receiving systematic instruction in industrial work, 106; preparing to teach, 40; preparing for the ministry, 22; pursuing ministers' course, 22; conversions, 8; average cost per pupil for instruction only, \$14.56; for school supplies only, 48c.; for board, including all necessary labor in preparing it for use, \$22.88; for all expenses incurred in conducting the school except special improvements, \$41.71.

*Howe Bible and Normal Institute, founded at Memphis, Tenn.; incorporated 1887; Prof. T. O. Fuller, Principal, 1902. Teachers employed, white, 2; colored, 7; present estimated value of property, \$20,000.00; floating debts, \$380.00; receipts from tuition, \$904.58; white churches and individuals, \$100.00; colored churches and individuals, \$440.94; total receipts, \$1,445.52; expenditures for school supplies, \$250.60; improvements and repairs, \$113.60; salaries, \$1,407.75; sundries not included in classified accounts, \$172.00; total expenditures, \$1,943.95; appropriations by the Society, \$500.00; by the trustees, \$907.75; total appropriations, \$1,407.75;

Jeruel Academy, founded at Athens, Ga.; Rev. J. H. Brown, Principal, 1893. Teachers employed, colored, 6; present estimated value of property, \$10,000.00; receipts from tuition, \$768.01; from board, \$587.83; white churches and individuals, \$15.00; colored churches and individuals, \$563.83; old accounts, \$230.62; sources not included in classified accounts, \$45.85; total receipts, \$2,211.14; expenditures for school supplies, \$56.62; boarding department, \$1,069.28; improvements and repairs, \$343.90; students' labor, \$9.50; gratuities, \$7.05; salaries, \$2,113.85; sundries not included in classified accounts, \$260.76; total expenditures, \$3,860.96; appropriations by the Society, \$500.00; by the trustees, \$1,613.85; total appropriations, \$2,113.85; enrollment, males, 114; females, 191; total, 305; average attendance, day students, 81; boarders, 62; general average, 143; receiving systematic instruction in industrial work, 51; preparing to teach, 78; preparing for the ministry, 10; pursuing ministers' course, 14; conversions, 22; average cost per pupil for instruction only, \$14.78; for school supplies only, 39c.; for board, including all necessary labor in preparing it for use, \$17.27; for all expenses incurred in conducting the school except special improvements, \$24.59.

Mather School, founded at Beaufort, S. C., 1869; Miss S. E. Owen, Principal, 1902. Teachers employed, white, 5; colored, 1; enrollment, males, 69; females, 118; total, 187; average attendance, day students, 22; boarders, 31; general average, 53; receiving systematic instruction in in-

dustrial work, 33; preparing to teach, 11; conversions, 3.

Spiller Academy, located at Hampton, Va.; was founded by Rev. R.

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Spiller, and in 1897 became affiliated with the Virginia Union University; Rev. George E. Read, Principal, 1898. Teachers employed, colored, 6; present estimated value of property, \$10,000.00; encumbrance, \$2,500.00; floating debts, \$400.00; receipts from tuition, \$260.75; from board, \$744.00; white churches and individuals, \$300.00; colored churches and individuals, \$652.15; old accounts, \$26.45; sources not included in classified accounts, \$101.70; total receipts, \$2,094.05; expenditures for school supplies, \$487.73; boarding department, \$530.95; improvements and repairs, \$880.58; salaries, \$1,100.00; sundries not included in classified accounts, \$53.65; total expenditures, \$3,052.91; appropriations by the Society, \$500.00; by Women's Society of Chicago, \$120.00; by the trustees, \$480.00; total appropriations, \$1,100.00; enrollment, males, 29; females, 55; total, 84; average attendance, day students, 30; boarders, 23; general average, 53; preparing for college, 10; preparing to teach, 9; preparing for the ministry, 2; pursuing ministers' course, 2; conversions, 9; average cost per pupil for instruction only, \$20.75; for school supplies only, \$9.20; for board, including all necessary labor in preparing it for use, \$23.08; for all expenses incurred in conducting the school except special improvements, \$40.99.

Walker Institute, founded at Augusta, Ga.; incorporated 1885; Prof. N. W. Curtright, Principal, 1899. Teachers employed, colored, 5; present estimated value of property, \$8,500.00; encumbrance, \$1,500.00; balance in hand from previous year, \$25.05; receipts from tuition, \$557.99; from board, \$547.25; colored churches and individuals, \$792.40; old accounts, \$34.72; sources not included in classified accounts, \$383.83; total receipts, \$2,341.24; expenditures for school supplies, \$93.11; boarding department, \$547.25; improvements and repairs, \$154.95; gratuities, \$210.00; salaries, \$1,338.09; sundries not included in classified accounts, \$444.10; total expenditures, \$2,787.50; appropriations by the Society, \$500.00; by the trustees, \$838.09; total appropriations, \$1,338.09; enrollment, males, 52; females, 102; total, 154; average attendance, day students, 85; boarders, 20; general average, 105; preparing for college, 28; receiving systematic instruction in industrial work, 61; preparing to teach, 14; preparing for the ministry, 27; pursuing ministers' course, 27; conversions, 5; average cost per pupil for instruction only, \$12.74; for school supplies only, 89c.; for board, including all necessary labor in preparing it for use, \$27.36; for all expenses incurred in conducting the school except special improvements, \$25.07.

Waters' Normal Institute, founded at Winton, N. C.; incorporated 1887; Rev. C. S. Brown, Principal, 1890. Teachers employed, colored, 7; present estimated value of property, \$13,300.00; encumbrance, \$160.00; floating debts, \$75.00; balance in hand from previous year, \$58.95; receipts from tuition, \$87.25; from board, \$1,513.91; white churches and individuals, \$45.00; colored churches and individuals, \$476.21; old accounts, \$85.00; sources not included in classified accounts, \$240.00; total receipts, \$2,506.32; expenditures for school supplies, \$39.62; boarding department, \$1,341.86; improvements and repairs, \$598.01; gratuities, \$3.25; salaries, \$1,838.62; sundries not included in classified accounts, \$141.37;

total expenditures, \$3,962.73; appropriations by the Society, \$1,400.00; by the trustees, \$438.62; total appropriations, \$1,838.62; enrollment, males, 114; females, 158; total, 272; average attendance, day students, 71; boarders, 60; general average, 131; preparing to teach, 37; preparing for the ministry, 32; pursuing ministers' course, 4; conversions, 15; average cost per pupil for instruction only, \$14.03; for school supplies only, 30c.; for board, including all necessary labor in preparing it for use, \$22.36; for all expenses incurred in conducting the school except special improvements, \$25.71.

Western College, founded at Macon, Mo., 1891; incorporated 1894; Rev. E. L. Scruggs, President, 1892. Teachers employed, colored, 9; present estimated value of property, \$15,000.00; floating debts, \$1,500.00; balance in hand from previous year, \$722.65; receipts from tuition, \$941.50; from board, \$1,938.37; old accounts, \$127.38; sources not included in classified accounts, \$115.75; total receipts, \$3,845.65; expenditures for school supplies, \$597.94; boarding department, \$1,072.11; improvements and repairs, \$97.16; students' labor, \$404.46; gratuities, \$161.50; salaries, \$1,508.12; sundries not included in classified accounts, \$175.01; total expenditures, \$4,016.30; appropriations by the Society, \$1,000.00; by the trustees, \$508.12; total appropriations, \$1,508.12; enrollment, males, 52; females, 73; total, 125; average attendance, day students, 60; boarders, 36; general average, 96; receiving systematic instruction in industrial work, 27; preparing to teach, 25; preparing for the ministry, 14; pursuing ministers' course, 8; receiving gratuity, 30; pursuing missionary training course, 1; conversions, 8; average cost per pupil for instruction only, \$15.71; for school supplies only, \$6.22; for board, including all necessary labor in preparing it for use, \$29.78; for all expenses incurred in conducting the school except special improvements, \$40.82.

HIGHER AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS FOR INDIANS.

Indian University, founded at Tahlequah, 1879; incorporated 1881; transferred to Muskogee, 1885; Rev. J. H. Scott, President, 1897. (Bacone, P. O., Ind. Ter.) Teachers employed, white, 12; present estimated value of property, \$35,000.00; receipts from tuition, \$1,237.38; from board, \$6,293.06; churches and individuals, \$362.00; old accounts, \$847.21; sources not included in classified accounts, \$841.08; total receipts, \$9,580.73; expenditures for school supplies, \$349.11; boarding department, \$5,575.86; improvements and repairs, \$1,845.20; salaries, \$5,865.66; sundries not included in classified accounts, \$1,136.97; total expenditures, \$14,772.80; appropriations by the Society, \$4,636.66; by Woman's Society of Boston, \$400.00; by Women's Society of Chicago, \$720.00; by the trustees, \$109.00; total appropriations, \$5,865.66; enrollment, males, 94; females, 72; total, 166; average attendance, day students, 27; boarders, 78; general average, 105; pursuing college course, 15; preparing to teach, 14; preparing for the ministry, 6; conversions, 23; average cost per pupil for instruction only, \$55.86; for school supplies only, \$3.32; for board, including all necessary labor in preparing it for use, \$71.48; for all expenses incurred in conducting the school except special improvements, \$123.12.

Atoka Academy, founded at Atoka, I. T., 1888; not incorporated; Prof. E. H. Rishel, Principal, 1891. Teachers employed, white, 11; present estimated value of property, \$9,000.00; receipts from tuition, \$2,-400.87; from board, \$6,954.09; churches and individuals, \$462.45; old accounts, \$28.35; sources not included in classified accounts, \$1,316.00; total receipts, \$11,161.76; expenditures for school supplies, \$173.06; boarding department, \$7,010.99; improvements and repairs, \$1,331.27; salaries, \$3,445.21; sundries not included in classified accounts, \$1,929.26; total expenditures, \$13,889.79; appropriations by the Society, \$1,025.00; by the trustees, \$2,420.21; total appropriations, \$3,445.21; enrollment, males, 153; females, 135; total, 288; average attendance, day students, 83; boarders, 89; general average, 172; receiving systematic instruction in industrial work, 115; conversions, 12; average cost per pupil for instruction only, \$20.03; for school supplies only, \$1.00; for board, including all necessary labor in preparing it for use, \$78.77; for all expenses incurred in conducting the school except special improvements, \$73.01.

Cherokee Academy, founded at Tahlequah, I. T., 1866; not incorporated; Prof. J. C. Pack, Principal, 1897. Teachers employed, white, 5; present estimated value of property, \$5,000.00; balance in hand from previous year, \$207.55; receipts from tuition, \$638.85; from Board, \$792.30; old accounts, \$64.75; sources not included in classified accounts, \$343.55; total receipts, \$2,047.00; expenditures for school supplies, \$320.19; boarding department, \$713.74; improvements and repairs, \$380.27; salaries, \$2,188.89; sundries not included in classified accounts, \$306.16; total expenditures, \$3,909.25; appropriations by the Society, \$2,100.00; by the trustees, \$88.89; total appropriations, \$2,188.89; enrollment, males, 114; females, 91; total, 205; average attendance, day students, 93; boarders, 7; general average, 100; preparing for college, 1; preparing to teach, 3; conversions, 16; average cost per pupil for instruction only, \$21.88; for school supplies only, \$3.20; for board including all necessary labor in preparing it for use, \$101.96; for all expenses incurred in conducting the school except special improvements, \$35.28.

ALSO THE FOLLOWING APPROPRIATIONS TO MISSION SCHOOLS.

By the American Baptist Home Mission Society:	
California, Redlands (Chinese)\$120	00
San Francisco (Chinese) 400	
Oakland (Chinese) 700	00
Washington, Spokane (Chinese) 480	00
New Mexico, Velarde 800	
South Carolina, Rock Hill	
North Carolina, New Bern 300	
Virginia, Keysville 150	
Houston 150	

\$3,350 00

By the Woman's American Baptist Home Mission Societ	ty:	
California, Fresno (Chinese)		
Sacramento (Chinese)	400 00	
Montana, Butte City (Chinese)	350 00	
Utah, Provo	90 00	
Mexico, Monterey	603 56	
Mexico City	800 00	
New Mexico, Velarde	900 00	
Alcalde	150 00	
Cuba, Santiago	600 00	
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SUMMARY OF RESULTS FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR, 1902-1903.

1. The enrollment of students for the colored people was, males, 2,596; females, 3,359; total, 5,955; the average number of boarders was, 1,885; day pupils, 1,945; general average, 3,831. Of the number enrolled, 485 were studying for the ministry, 1,578 preparing to teach, 55 in the missionary training course, 16 in the nurse training course and 2,014 received systematic instruction in some line of industrial work. The enrollment in schools for Indians was 361 males, 298 females; total, 659. Of this number 6 were studying for the ministry and 17 preparing to teach. The total enrollment in all the schools, both colored and Indian, was 6,614; total number of conversions during the year was 317.

2. There were employed in all of the 25 colored schools receiving help from the American Baptist Home Mission Society, 307 teachers; 130 white, 177 colored; 109 of whom were males and 198 females. Of the male teachers 33 were white and 76 colored; of the female teachers 97

were white and 101 colored.

3. The expenditure for teachers' salaries for the school year 1902-1903 was as follows: (a) By the American Baptist Home Mission Society, for negro schools, \$71,632.20; for Indian schools, \$7,761.66; for Chinese and Mexican schools, \$2,650.00; (b) By the Woman's American Baptist Home Mission Society of New England, for negro schools, \$9,670.97; for Chinese, Mormon, Mexican and Cuban schools, \$4,993.56; (c) By the Women's Baptist Home Mission Society of Chicago, for negro schools, \$2,720.00; for Indian schools, \$720.00; (d) By the Woman's Baptist Home Mission Society of Michigan, for negro schools, \$500.00; (e) By the Trustees and special friends of the 9 negro schools managed by the American Baptist Home Mission Society (including Hartshorn Memorial College), \$17,955.44; (f) By the John F. Slater Fund, \$9,000.00; (g) By the 16 schools controlled by negro trustees, \$17,235.58 and trustees of Indian schools, \$2,618.10; (h) By the Alabama State Board, \$150.00; (i) By the Alabama Woman's State Convention, \$300.00; (j) By the Home Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, \$250.00, making a total expenditure for teachers' salaries of \$148,157.51. Of this amount \$129,414.19 were paid to teachers in colored schools, \$11,099.76 to teachers in Indian schools, and

\$7,643.56 to teachers in schools for Chinese, Mormons, Mexicans, Cubans and Porto Ricans.

4. The receipts from the colored people themselves for 1902-1903 were as follows: From tuition fees, \$27,704.28; from charge for board, \$92,-856.83; from old accounts, \$4,318.78; from sources not designated in reports from schools, \$33,873.85; from churches and individuals, \$14,048.59, making a total of \$172,802.33. Of this amount \$17,235.58 has been paid as stated above in paragraph 3, on teachers' salaries, and the balance, \$155,566.75, has been expended for other current expenses, including board, school supplies, etc., by the President or Principal of each of the 25 schools, under the direction of the authorities of the institutions.

5. The American Baptist Home Mission Society contributed for the support of the colored schools in 1902-1903, in addition to the \$71,632.20 paid on the salaries of teachers given above in paragraph 3, the sum of \$49,512.05, which was expended for buildings and other purposes, making the total contributions by the Society, \$121,144.25; this amount and the \$22,740.97 contributed by other outside sources named in paragraph 3, a, b, c, etc., make a total of \$143,885.22 expended in the education of the colored people in the schools helped by the Society during the school year 1902-1903.

6. There are now 25 schools for colored people helped by the American Baptist Home Mission Society, 16 of which are under the entire control and management of Negro Boards of Trustees. Of the other 9 schools, Jackson College has at present no Board of Trustees, and hence is managed from the office in New York. Each of the other 8 schools has a Board of Trustees composed of white and colored members, which is charged with the management of the institution, subject to approval by the Executive Board of the Society. There are in all of these Boards 63 white and 26 colored members. The Society in 1902-1903 contributed to these 9 schools for teachers' salaries \$59,332.20 and for building and other purposes, \$49,512.05, making a total of \$108,844.25. The colored people, in addition to paying the charge made in these 9 institutions for instruction, board, etc., have contributed for their support as follows: churches and individuals, \$2,094.73; surplus from the schools, \$5,230.91, making a total of \$7,325.64, or an average per school of \$813.96.

7. The 16 schools under the entire control and management of Negro Boards of Trustees consist of three holding college charters and 13 secondary or academic schools. The aggregate salary of all the teachers in these 16 schools in 1902-1903 was \$34,455.58, of which the American Baptist Home Mission Society paid \$11,600.00. The expenditure for board, school supplies and all other current expenses was \$30,948.04, making a total expenditure for 1902-1903 of \$65,403.62. This amount provides but very meagerly for the support of the schools. Each of these schools is subject to visitation, and is required to make the same financial and other reports to the office in New York as the schools under the more immediate control of the American Baptist Home Mission Society.

CONCLUSION.

The Society, admirably organized as it is, is prepared to address itself energetically to whatever forms of home mission endeavor the changing conditions of our country and our civilization may demand and the denomination may deem desirable. Larger attention it would gladly give to mission work in our great cities, were adequate resources at its disposal for this purpose. The work already done in six cities, in cooperation with Baptist City Mission Societies, illustrates both the need and the value of its aid in meeting some of the demands for City evangelization and for church edifice work therein. Our brethren in cities on the Pacific Coast, where evil forces are potent, stretch out their hands to us for help which we are unable to render to any extent commensurate with the needs. With proper resources we could change the whole religious situation there in ten years.

Likewise, in a general forward evangelistic movement, the Society is ready to assume large responsibility, always, however, in fraternal relationship with State Conventions and other organizations, to just the extent that it can be sustained by offerings for this purpose. The excellent beginnings already made could be most advantageously followed up by putting into execution some of the cherished plans for particular direction of organized evangelistic endeavor on a comprehensive scale. The work of evangelization and organization and edification must go on together; so that the Society has become preëminently both the pioneer and constructive missionary agency of the denomination, in our home fields. While its supreme aim is the salvation of individual souls, it also cherishes the larger conception of collective humanity in its ecclesiastical, social and civil relations to be animated and dominated by the spirit and the precept of Christ; thereby creating better conditions for the development of character, and thus also in the spirit of Christian patriotism aiming to make this nation a more potent force for right in the world's affairs.

By order and on behalf of the Executive Board.

W. C. P. RHOADES, Chairman. H. L. Morehouse, Corresponding Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING MARCH 31ST, 1904. SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS.

General Fund—		
General Purposes	\$517.213 37	
Special Purposes	22,002 89	
		\$539 216 26
Church Edifice Gift Fund		46,436 2
" " Loan Fund		5,962 7
Permanent Trust Fund		23,708 6
Annuity Fund	-	18,841 9
Conditional Fund		1,230 0
Total receipts		\$635,395 77
Cash in Treasury, April 1, 1903:		
General Fund—		
Designated	\$40,938 11	
Church Edifice Gift Fund—		
Available	40,519 09	
Designated	13,007 27	
Debt of the General Fund, April 1, 1904.		94,464 47
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General Fund— DISBURSEMENTS.		\$751,632 4
General Purposes	\$511,100 13	
Special Purposes	57.793 48	
		568,893 6
Church Edifice Gift Fund		61,810 7
" " Loan Fund		2,601 3
Total Disbursements		\$633.305 7
Added to the various Trust Funds during the year		47,141 8
Cash in Treasury, April 1, 1904—		
General Fund, Designated	\$5,147 52	-
Church Edifice Gift Fund, Available	33,211 81	
" " " Designated	4,940 08	
		43,299 4
Debt of the General Fund, April 1, 1903		27,885 4
	-	\$751,632 4

An analysis of the above will be found on pages 126 to 148

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For General Purposes—		
1. Contributions.	\$300,398 74	
2. Legacies	127,991 09	
3. Income from Permanent Trust Fund	21,264 35	
4. " " Isaac Davis Fund	465 75	
5. " Annuity Fund	19,982 06	
6. " " Conditional Fund	1,508 95	
7. " " Real Estate	371 67	
8. " Miscellaneous Securities	1,422 11	
9. " Home Mission Monthly	3,510 64	
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11. *Annuity Funds, Released by Death of Annuitants	37,030 00	
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For Special Purposes:	STALL ST	
1. Contributions	\$20,252 89	
2. Legacies	250 00	
3. Sale of Atoka Academy Property	1,500 00	
		22,002 89
Total Receipts		\$539,216 26
Cash in Treasury, April 1, 1903, Designated	1000	40,938 11
Debt of the General Fund, April 1, 1904	100	21,772 24
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• Reported in former years among donations for Annuity Fund.		
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FOR EDUCATIONAL WORK.

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In Higher Schools fo	r Negroes.
Alabama Baptist Colored University Arkansas Baptist College Atlanta Baptist College Benedict College Bishop College Hartshorn Memorial College Jackson College Roger Williams University Shaw University	Selma. Ala Little Rock, Ark Atlanta, Ga. Columbia, S. C. Marshall, Tex. Richmond, Va. Jackson, Miss. Nashville, Tenn. Raleigh, N.C.
Spelman Seminary State University. Virginia Union University.	Atlanta, Ga. Louisville, Ky. Richmond, Va.
In Secondary Sc	
Americus Institute Bible and Normal Institute Coleman Academy Florida Baptist Academy Florida Institute. Friendship Institute Halifax Institute Hearne Academy Houston Academy Jeruel Academy Keysville Industrial School Mather School New Bern Industrial Institute Northern Neck Industrial School Spiller Academy Walker Baptist Academy Water's Normal Institute Western College	Americus, Ga. Memphis, Tenn Gibaland, La. Jacksonville, Fla. Live Oak, Fla. Rock Hill, S. C. Houston, Va. Hearne, Tex. Houston, Tex. Athens, Ga. Keysville, Va. Beaufort, S. C. New Bern, N. C. Ivondale, Va. Hampton, Va. Augusta, Ga. Winton, N. C. Macon, Mo.
In Indian Sch	nools.
Indian University Cherokee Academy Atoka Academy Elk Creek Mission Lodge Grass Mission Two Gray Hills Mission Wichita Mission	Bacone, I. T. Tahlequah. I. T. Atoka, I. T. Elk Creek, O. T. Lodge Grass, Mont. Two Gray Hills, N. M Anadarko, O. T.
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	Total.	Designated for Special Objects.	Additions to Property.	Special Expenses.	Salaries of Teachers.
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Amount brought forward			\$472,395 02
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Office Traveling and Incidental Expenses	233 33 120 20		
T. Hazlewood, Salary	2,000 00		
Office, Traveling and Incidental Expenses	1,163 66		
L. H. E. Jameson, Salary	1,800 00		
Office, Traveling and Incidental Expenses.	776 72		
Office Traveling and Incidental Expanses	2,200 00		
R Palmer Salary	609 85		
Office, Traveling and Incidental Expenses. B. Palmer, Salary. Office, Traveling and Incidental Expenses. D. Proper, Salary. Office, Traveling and Incidental Expenses. Mrs. Wm. Scott (deceased), Salary.	2,000 00	Mary Street	
D. D. Proper, Salary	924 97 1,600 00		
Office, Traveling and Incidental Expenses	99x 87		
Mrs. Wm. Scott (deceased), Salary	150 91		
ohn S. Stump, Salary	1,200 00	Salara Ca	
Office, Traveling and Incidental Expenses Office, Traveling and Incidental Expenses Office, Traveling and Incidental Expenses Mrs. E. G. Wheeler, Salary Traveling and Incidental Expenses.	597 47		
Office, Traveling and Incidental Expenses	1,150 95		
Mrs. E. G. Wheeler, Salary	400 00		
Traveling and Incidental Expenses	283 35		
O. A. Williams, Salary, half time	900 00		
Office, Traveling and Incidental Expenses	265 18		
C. A. Wooddy, Salary, half time	900 00		
Manly J. Breaker, Salary and Expenses	506 09	***	
	534 40	\$25,428 85	
ECRETARY'S AND TREASURER'S DEPARTMENTS			
H. L. Morehouse, Cor. Sec., Salary	\$4,000 00		
Assistant Secretary and Clarks	462 00		
Frank T. Moulton Treasurer Salary	7.150 82		
Traveling and Incidental Expenses	2,750 00		
Clerks	4,807 31		ALESTER T
Howard B. Grose, Editorial Sec., Salary, 4 months	833 32		*
GENERAL EXPENSES AND PUBLICATIONS.		20,018 70	
Anniversary Expenses	\$233 31		
Annual Report	820 05		
Audit Exchange	350 00		
ncidental Evnenese	1,674 39		
Legal Expenses.	100 91		A120 STATE
Home Mission Monthly	5,191 28		
Legal Expenses Home Mission Monthly Home Mission Echoes	443 26		
Postage	7 ²² 77 2,303 86		
Printing and Stationery	2,303 86		
Nent	2,800 00		
		14.773 94	(S) (S)
Less amount paid by Church Edifice Funds	Chy lesses	60,221 49	100000000000000000000000000000000000000
	30 880 1756	5,000 00	\$55,221 4
AnnuitiesMISCELLANEOUS.	1000000	ERM	
Interest		26,645 35 10,326 80	
Special Committees		10,320 80	
Grande Ligne Mission, Canada, Income from Martha		507 29	100000
Whiting Fund		40 00	THE PROPERTY.
Colored Baptist Church, Christiansburg, Va., Income from	100000		SECTION.
John Smart Fund		40 00	
work in Alaska			755 ST
Bethel Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Fla	100000000000000000000000000000000000000	250 00	MAN THE REAL PROPERTY.
		1,200 00	No. of the last of
Transferred to Conditional Fund		2,265 41	-
Transferred to Conditional Fund			41,277 1
Transferred to Conditional Fund			
Transferred to Conditional Fund			
Transferred to Conditional Fund			\$568,893 6 5,147 5
Transferred to Conditional Fund. Miscellaneous Total Disbursements. Cash in the Treasury, April 1, 1904, Designated.			5,147 5
Transferred to Conditional Fund		7	

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR CHURCH EDIFICE GIFT FUND.

RECEIPTS.		
Contributions, General	\$1,878 36	
Designated	27,260 84	
Legacies Income from Investments	1,751 36	
	11,097 43	\$42,796 9
Realized from Former Gifts		3,639 2
Total Receipts		\$46,436 2
Total Receipts. Balance, April 1, 1903, Available. Designated	\$40,519 09	*40,430 2
Designated	13,007 27	
		53,526 3
		\$99,962 6
DISBURSEMENTS.		
The state of the s		
Gifts to the following Churches: *Arizona, Palo Verde	\$150 00	1
* Phœnix	1,500 00	
California, Aromas, First	150 00	
" Corning	250 00	
* " Oxnard	250 00 500 00	
" Prunedale, Lake Ch	100 00	
" Sonora First	200 00	
Canada, Whitemouth, Manitoba, First German*Colorado, Walsenburg, First	200 00	
Connecticut, New Britain, Swede	250 00	
" Hartford, Swede	100 00	
Cuba, Boniato	11 00	
" Cristo	1,850 00	
" Dos Caminos	1,950 00	
" Puerto Principe, Lot	3,200 00	
" Puerto Principe, Lot. " Building	7,987 37	
" San Luis	2,900 00	
" Songo	1,000 00	
" Emmet	150 00	
* " Pavette	500 00	
" Van Wyck, First	100 00	
Illinois, Chicago, Belden Avenue	1,000 00	
" Fernwood	200 00 56 30	
* " Fernwood	500 00	
" Garfield Park	666 67	
Hermon	200 00	
* " Humboldt Park	200 00	
* " Olivet	1,000 00	
" South Chicago	500 00	
Indian Territory Fort Cibeon	250 00	
" Dueb Springs	200 00	
Kansas, Armourdale	200 00 150 00	
	100 00	
" North Topeka	200 00	
" Tampa, First German	300 00	
" North Topeka " Tampa, First German. Massachusetts, Cambridge, First Swede Mexico, Puebla, First	500 00	
Mexico, Puebla, First San Luis Potosi	3,500 00	
*Minnesota Brainerd First Swede	300 00	
	500 00	
" Minneapolic Flim Swade	200 00	
" Ogilvie	150 00	
" Sandy Lake St. Paul, Burr St	150 00	
	10000	

^{*} Also a loan from the Loan Fund.

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR CHURCH EDIFICE GIFT FUND.

	A	
Amount brought forward	\$40,431 23	
Minnesota, Hebron	\$300 00	
" Virginia	100 00	
" Warroad West Concord, First	200 00	
Montana Lodge Grass Crow Indian Mission	1,250 00	
Nebenela Aneles Kiret	150 00	
Wilsonville, First	200 00	
New Mexico, Portales, First	300 00	
" Velarde	700 00	
North Dakota, Barton, Norwegian	100 00	
Kennare, Scandinavian	200 00	
" Rosenfield, First German	300 00	
Oklahoma, Ebenezer German	250 00	
" Fort Sill	300 00	
" Glencoe, First	200 00	
* " Oklahoma City, Missionary Ch	200 00	
* "Oklahoma City, Missionary Ch. "Washington Ave. "Washington Ave. "	400 00	
Oregon, Cottrell, Pleasant Home	150 00	
* " lone	150 00	
" Selma, First	200 00	
Barros.	53 14	
" Barranquitas	300 00	
" Cavey	315 00	
" Cidra	830 00	
" Corral Viejo	500 00	
" La Playa	1,849 01	
Rio Fiedras	154 50	
Tauco	50 00	
South Dakota, Conde	350 00	
* Fair Haven, First	500 00	
* " Pe Ell, First	100 00	
" Pullman, First	100 00	
" Randle, Maple Grove	100 00	
" Seattle, First German	500 00	
" Tabernacle	600 00	
South Jacoma	150 00	
Spokane, Division St	800 00	
West Virginia, Fairmount, Mount Zion Colored	700 00 75 00	
Winconsin, Ladysmith, First	100 00	
" Merrill, First	500 00	
" Spooner	400 00	
* West Superior, First Swedish	400 00	
*Wyoming, Gillett	400 00	
" Shell, First	400 00	
" Meteetse	500 00	
Total Amount of Gifts	PRINCIPAL	\$57.957 8
Expenses	17.07	2,602
Investments	Market Market	1,250
	7/4	
Total Disbursements		\$61,810
lance in Treasury April 1, 1904, Lesignated	257,727,734	
" " Available	2	.0
	TABLE TO STATE OF	38,151 8
		\$99,962 6

^{*} Also a loan from the Loan Fund.

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR CHURCH EDIFICE LOAN FUND.

RECEIPTS.		
Loans Repaid	\$16,122 84 5,962 70	
Total Receipts		\$22,085 54
		\$34,781 48
DISBURSEMENTS.		
Loans to the following Churches:		
*Arizona, Palo Verde	\$100 00	
* " Phœnix	2,000 CO	
*California, Oxnard	500 00	
*Colorado, Walsenburg	250 00	
Cuba, Special	400 00	
*Idaho, Payette	250 00	
*Illinois, Chicago, Chicago Heights	1,000 00	
· Olivet	1,000 00	
Logan Square	1,000 00	
Clinton	1,200 00	
*Minnesota, Brainerd	1,200 00	
Duluth, Second	1,000 00	
Sandy Lake, Swedish	200 00	
*New Mexico, Portales, First *Oklahoma, Oklahoma City, Missionary Ch., Capitol Hill	300 00	
*Oregon, Ione, First	200 00	
Pendleton, First	1,000 00	
*Washington, Fairhaven, First	300 00	
* " Pe Ell	100 00	
" Ritzville, First	500 00	
South Tacoma	200 00	
" Wenatchee, First	1,000 00	
" Wilbur, First	800 00	
West Virginia, Charleston, Virginia Ave	500.00	
*Wisconsin, West Superior, First Swedish	750 00	
*Wyoming, Gillett. First	400 00	
Total Amount of Loans		\$16,450 00
nnuities	\$21 00	
Expenses	2,647 12	
	2,04/ 12	2,668 12
		-1000 12
Total Dishursements	11/1/19/19	\$19,118 12
Balance in Treasury, April 1, 1904	33 10 20 3	15,663 36
	-	
		\$34,781 48

^{*}Also a grant from the Gift Fund.

INVESTED FUNDS OF THE SOCIETY.

I. PERMANENT TRUST FUND.

The Society has received the following funds, for general purposes and expenses of administration, which it holds in trust, expending only the income:

Allen, Jonas	\$100 00	Kendall, Horace	\$1,000 00
Anderson, David	1,000 00	Lees, William B	950 00
Argabright, S. V	100 00	Linch, Jarrett	12,426 36
Axtell, Mrs. H. E	311 11	Little, Geo. W	5,000 00
Bailie, David	1,055 00	Littler, Nathan	3,874 68
Ballew, W. B	384 65	Logan, John	400 00
Barney, Nancy Potter,	0-1-0	Mendenhall, T. G	1,932 33
Memorial	5,000 .00	Merrick, Austin	53,069 30
Blain, John	1,000 00	Mills, Thos. L	150 00
Bleecker, G. N	17,000 00	Norcross, Stephen W	500 00
Brimhall, Parmelia	1,572 99	Noyes, Mary	1,000 00
Brockett, E. J	1,000 00	Nugent, George	1,000 00
Butler, Chas. S	1,000 00	Parks, Louisa M	1,000 00
Capen, Barnabas D	10,000 00	Rease, Nancy P	1,000 00
Carleton, Younglove	830 21	Pell, Lydia R., Memorial.	2,568 10
Cheever, William	7,657 82	Pillsbury, Geo. A	5,000 00
Corry, Aaron	1,480 81	Porter, Benjamin	1,000 00
Darling, Henry	1,000 00	Roberts, Elizabeth	3,000 00
Davis, Isaac	10,100 00	Rockwell, Rufus	461 80
Davis, James M	3,412 50	Rogers, Anna	500 00
Drown, Mary Newell	600 00	Rogers, Eliz. W	500 00
Dunbar, Robert	500 00	Russell, P. R	14,700 00
Eaton, Fidelia D	2,578 53	Ruth, Mordecai T	5,242 68
Eldridge, Lyman	75 00	Selleck, Levi	1,000 00
Fay, Mrs. L. R. B	4,189 61	Sherman, George J	1,000 00
Fiske, Theron	2,500 00	Shirk, Milton, Memorial.	2,500 00
Flint, Harriet N	5,000 00	Smith, Alice, Memorial	5 00
Frazer Fund	3,500 00	Stevens, Amos	55 70
Frisbee, Sarah M	1,000 00	Swaim, Mary A. M	9,400 00
Giddings, Mrs. Lovina	600 00	Thorn, Mrs. John, Me-	
Glover, Henry R	5,000 00	morial	5,000 00
Ham, William	100 00	Tripp, Susan	500 00
Howard, Harry H	100 00	Van Husan, C., Memorial	2,000 00
Hoyt, Joseph B	25,000 00	Wickens, George	500 00
John, Lizzie J., Memorial	1,000 00	Woods, John	3,422 19
Johnson, Susannah	300 00	Wolverton, George A	5,000 00
Kelly, Chloe M	500 00	†	2,000 00

Total\$265,206 37

Increase for General Purposes during the year, \$21,804.49.

FOR SCHOOLS AND EDUCATION.

Bostwick, Jabez A		\$6,000	~		
Bradford, S. S		. I,000			
Colby, Emily S					
Marston, S. W					
Marston, D. W		. 2,000	00	\$9,200	00
				49,200	-
		Endov			
	Student	ment			
Atlanta Baptist College, A	id Funds.	Schoo	ls.		
General Endowment		5	00		
Cook, Josiah W		20,000	00		
		\$20,005	00		
Ripley, Mrs. A. O	\$1,000 00	1,000			
zapacy, zaro. za ovivivi	41,000 00	1,000		\$21,005	00
			-	φ21,005	00
Benedict College,					
General Endowment				121,107	98
Indian University,					
General Endowment				2,126	02
Jackson College,					
General Endowment				476	25
Roger Williams University,					
General Endowment		4,600	06		
Champney, Sarah H	500 00	4,000	,		
†———— ······	530 00	1,030	00		
			_	\$5,630	96
Shaw University,				10.0	
		-6 -00			
General Endowment		26,588			
Buss, Harriet M		350	00		
		\$26,938	02		
Leonard, Judson Wade					
				\$31,938	02
Spelman Seminary,					
General Endowment		275			
Cole, Robert H		600	00		
Monroe, Mary E	5,000 00				
Simmons, Mary E., Prize					
Fund	572 56				
t	900 00	0,472	50		-
			-	\$7,347	50

Virginia Union University, General Endowment, Harris, Mary D Hedstrom Fund		\$1,000 1,000				
Theological Department,						
Colby, Emily S	\$500 00					
Hoyt, Joseph B	\$500 W	25,000	00			
Reed, Susan C	1,000 00	23,000	-			
Rockefeller, John D	1,000 00	25,000	00			
Smith, S. F	1,000 00					
Tolman, Lydia S	1,400 00					
Union Professorship		7,248	41			
Waterhouse, C. W	1,000 00	4,900	oc			
Collegiate Department,						
General Endowment		18,740	33			
Gray, Mercy Maria	2,000 00					
Wayland, Elizabeth L	150 00					
"Work and Loan Fund"	330 00					
†	1,500 00	3,980	00			
13 P1	2000					
Library Fund Simmons, Robert S., Prize		3,763	44			
	6		-6			
Fund	572 56	572	50	\$01 001 74		
Total Student Aid Funds	22.055 12		K	\$91,204 74		
	,955					
Total for Schools and Education					\$200.006	
					\$290,036	53
Increase for Special Purp	poses duri	ing the	yea	r, \$1,904 12	2.	
Pop avvec	ELLANEOUS	nunna	-			
FOR MISCI	ELLANEOUS	PURPOS	ES.			
Smart, John				\$1,000 00		
					\$2,000	00
T. 1 F 1 1 1 1					-	-
Total Fund, April 1, 1904					\$557,242	90

Amount reported last year.			\$533,534	29	
Increase as follows:					
Eaton, Est. of Fidelia D	\$36	30			
Parks, Louisa M	1,000				
Pell, Lydia R., Memorial	2,568				
Porter, Est. of Benjamin	1,000				
Russell, Est. of P. R	14,700				
Shirk, Milton, Memorial	2,500	oc			
Endowment of Roger Williams University,					
McClurg, Est. of Mary F	750	00			
Endowment of Spelman Seminary,					
Spelman Teachers	9	cc			
Simmons, Mary E., Prize Fund	572	55			
Endowment of Virginia Union University,					
Simmons, Robert S., Prize Fund	572	56	23,708	61	
Total Fund, April 1, 1904					\$557,242 90
The above funds are invested as follo	ows:				
Mortgages on Real Estate in New York	k City	and			
Brooklyn			\$217,320	95	
Mortgages elsewhere					
Railroad and other Bonds, purchased			-	20	
Railroad Bonds and Stocks, donated				68	
Other Stocks and Bonds, donated				00	
Real Estate			89,594	22	
Cash in Depository			21,685	18	

\$532,484 23

24,758 67 Profit and Loss.....

\$557,242 90 1

II. ANNUITY FUND.

Donations upon which interest is paid, during life, either to the donor, or to such person or object as the donor may designate.

Amount reported April 1, 1903 Added during the year	\$516,355 86 18,841 93
	\$535,197 79

Transferred to General Fund, by death of annuitants Transferred to Permanent Trust Fund, by death and request of annuitants	3,845 45	12 60	\$41,768	58
Total Fund, April 1, 1904			\$493,429	II
The above funds are invested as follows, viz.:				
Mortgages on Real Estate in New York City and Brooklyn		00		
Mortgages elsewhere				
Real Estate		100		
Railroad Bonds purchased				
Stocks and Bonds, donated				
Other Stocks, Bonds and Debentures	28,200			
Temporary loan for construction of Virginia Union University, \$40,100 oo donations designated, bal-				
ance secured by assets under schedule VI		32		
Cash in depository	S. S. T. W. S. S. T. S.	-		
	\$477,068	39		
Profit and Loss and Suspense Accounts	16,360	72		
	- Valley		\$493,429	II

The following list gives the amounts upon which the Society is now paying interest:

Allen, Jonathan L	\$3,317 10	Hall, Anne E	\$1,600 00
Ambler, Mrs. A. T	14,000 00	Hammond, Mary E	500 00
Ambler, Fund, J. V Arnold, Anne Elizabeth.	15,000 00	Hammond, Ruth H	500 00
Arnold, Anne Elizabeth.	1,000 00	Harbig, Mary E	1,000 00
Ashley, Miss L. M	400 00	Hardin, Florence J Harris, Mary D	100 00
Blake, Fannie R	1,000 00	Harris, Mary D	2,000 00
Bell, Minerva	500 00	Hawkins, William Herrick, Mrs. M. B	12,000 00
Brett, Celia L	1,700 00	Herrick, Mrs. M. B	300 00
Bidwell, William L Biglow, Frances C	1,000 00	Hewett, Helen E. C	1,000 00
Biglow, Frances C	1,000 00	Hitchcock, Titus L	1,002 00
Bishop, Mrs. C. C Briggs, Addie I	19,000 00	Hoff, Mary Augusta	2,000 00
Briggs, Addie 1	1,000 00	Homan, Sarah A Howe, William	1,274 73
Bliss, John W	1,500 00	Howe, William	8,000 00
Boynton, Hannah D	486 10	Huff, Elizabeth	500 00
Brockway, Alice T	4,000 00	Hughes, William Huntley, Wm. E. Hurlin, William	1,000 00
Brown, Laura K	1,000 00	Huntley, Wm. E	10,500 00
Brown, Maria K	500 00	Hurlin, William	1,000 00
Brown, Mrs. Samuel N	3,000 00	Jones, Mrs. J. N	2,500 00
Bullock, Mary	1,000 00	Kingsbury, Mary B	400 00
Burke, Ida J	500 00	Lamp, Hannah H	2,000 00
Burroughs, E	500 00	Lamprey, Sarah A	1,200 00
Carpenter, Harriet E	8,000 00	Lane, Lizzie A	1,000 00
Carr, Ann Alila	500 00	Larnill, Nancy Q	83 47
Chamberlin, W. D	1,000 00	Lesure, L. A	500 00
Chapin, Anna D	600 00	Linch, Est. of Jarrett	1,000 00
Clark, Julia	1,023 27	Mitchell, Julia M	200 00
Clark, Solomon	1,000 00	Moxley, Elisabeth H. S.	1,000 00
Cheney, Alfred	800 00	Musson, Hephzibah F	500 00
Chilson, Gardner	26,666 66	McBlain, Jennie	10,000 00
Clegg, Clara A	1,000 00	Nichols, Chas. H	3,800 00
Collingwood, Effie J	500 00	Nye, Julia E.*	2,000 00
Crosby, Sarah Ford	2,350 00	Parker, Laura	200 00
Currier, Mary H	500 00	Parmley, Mary E Parsons, Timothy H Pevear, Henry A	200 00
Curtis, Mrs. Lois A	2,600 00	Parsons, Timothy II	500 00
Davis, Ella I	400 00	Dieleford Mrs A M	12,500 00
Durban, Mrs. B. J	1,500 00	Pickford, Mrs. A. M	5,000 00
Durfee, John H	4,000 00	Pieper, H. F	2,015 00
Dyer, Lucy D Evans, Evan W	1,000 00	Pisor, Margaret Pratt, William C	500 00
Edwards, P. M	2,500 00	Proctor, Joel	\$2,000 00
Erwin, Mrs. Keziah	1,000 00	Pyne, Hannah	1,000 00
Everett Iav	200 00	Ratcliffe, Mary H	500 00
Everett, Jay Fernald, Mrs. E. H		Reed, Elizabeth	50 00
	2,500 00 500 00	Renfrew, Jefferson	1,000 00
Fletcher, John	200 00	Richardson Harriet V.	5,000 00
Fish, Mrs. Ada B	3,000 00	Richardson, Harriet V Riggs, D. W	4,500 00
Fish, R. D.	100 00	Rigley, Mrs. Eliza	3,000 00
Foster, Margaret S	4,000 00	Rogers, Alex. W	4,000 00
Flagg, Abel S	1,000 00	Rogers, Jane M	1,000 00
	manufacture and a second	Root, John A	600 00
Gates, Marcius A	2,000 00	Savage, Eleazer	2,000 00
Gill, Eusebia S	1,000 00	Safford Harriet P	500 00
Gould, Julia N	250 00	Sauver William H.	1,000 00
Grow, W. B	100 00	Safford, Harriet P Sawyer, William H Sharp, Sarah A	500 00
Gould, Julia N Grow, W. B Hale, David	5,000 00	Selleck, Mrs. E. C	100 00
Haley, Mrs. A. M	2,500 00	Delicer, Mis. D. C	

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Seeley, J. V. K	\$550 00	Wilson, Mary E	\$500 00
Shepardson, D	1,000 00	Wolcott, Mrs. M. L	100 00
Shepardson, Mrs. E. S	2,000 00	Woolsey, Lucy T	400 00
Sheridan, William	1,000 00	†	1,600 00
Stacey, Sarah H	100 00	†	1,900 00
Stanley, Josephine	100 00	†	5,500 00
Stewart, A. J	150 00	†	1,000 00
Sillman, Cornelia A. W.	1,000 00	, †	1,600 00
Scribner, Eliza F	300 00	†	5,000 00
Smith, Daniel	1,000 00	†	2,000 00
Smith, Mrs. J. L	800 00	†	3,500 00
Smith, Mary E	1,000 00	†	1,000 00
Snider, Alonzo	983 18	†	20,000 00
Springsted, Mason	2,000 00	 	375 00
Still, A. B	608 75	†	2,000 00
Shoults, Harriet C	200 00	†	500 00
Stoddard, D. H	1,000 00	† ·····	1,000 00
Sumner, Mrs. S. A	500 00	†	884 00
Swan, Edward P	5,860 00	† ·····	5,500 00
Tafft, Mrs. A. B	1,600 00	†	10,500 00
Train, Caroline W	2,000 00	†	500 00
Tirrell, Jesse	5,000 00-	†	7,000 00
Thompson, Eliza J	2,000 00	†	1,954 .40
Thompson, Judith E	600 00	†	10,000 00
Thomson, Anne	500 00	†	16,100 00
Topping, A. R	1,171 79	†	2,000 00
Towne, Mary A	2,500 00	†	400 00
Trowbridge, Luther H	5,000 00	†	300 00
Troyer, William Twiss, Waldo C	1,500 00	†	900 00
Twiss, Waldo C	1,000 00	† 	11,100 00
Utt, Alice Francis	1,000 00	†	250 00
Vierow, Victor	4,000 00	† ———	6,000 00
Ward, Clara	2,323 66	†	500 00
Watts, Henry	1,000 00	†	1,000 00
West, Mrs. N. K	50 00	t	500 00
White, Ellen M	1,000 00	†	2,500 00
Willett, Harriet S	1,750 00	†	1,000 00
Williams, John	7,000 00	t	1,000 00
Willard, Sarah A	500 00	t	34,500 00

Total number 188.

†Donors who do not wish their names published.

III. CONDITIONAL FUND.

Donations held	temporarily	in	trust,	subject	to	conditions	imposed	bv
the donors:								-

Amount reported last year		\$38,365 10 1,230 00
Transferred to General Fund	\$= 000 00	\$39,595 10
Returned to donor	50 00	
Charged off	162 13	
Charged on	102 13	\$5,212 13
Total Fund, April 1, 1904		\$34,382 97
Railroad Bonds, purchased	\$4,690 55	
Railroad and other Bonds, donated		
Cash in Depository		
	4-5-4-	\$34,382 97

IV. CHURCH EDIFICE BENEVOLENT TRUST FUND.

Amount reported last year		\$158,508	20
Mortgages on Real Estate in New York City \$6	6,000 0	0	
Mortgages elsewhere	4,000 00	0	
	4,248 10	0	
Stocks and Bonds donated 3	9,390 00	0	
Real Estate I	7,655 30	5	
Cash in Depository	1,018 2	7	
	-	-	
\$15	2,311 73	3	
Profit and Loss	6,196 4	7	
-		- \$158,508	20

V. CHURCH EDIFICE LOAN FUND.

Outstanding Loans to Churches	\$118,438 89
Investments	15,487 50
Cash in Depository	15,663 36
	\$149,589 75
Amount reported last year	\$149,618 92
Receipts, Interest	5,962 70
	\$155,581 62

TREASURER'S REPORT.

[1904.

Disbursements-					
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Expenses	 \$2,580	37
Annuities	 21	00

\$2,601 37

\$152,980 25 Special Concessions to Churches.....

3,390 50

Total Fund, April 1, 1904.....

\$149,589 75

VI. MISCELLANEOUS.

For General Purposes.

Assets:

	\$25 622	_
Miscellaneous	7,191	51
Real Estate	12,026	18
Mortgages	15,300	
Stocks and Bonds	\$1,116	

Liabilities:

Note to Annuity Fund, for Construction of Virginia Union University.\$112,964 32 Less Washington, D. C., Real Estate, pledged 74,360 57

*\$38,603 75

For Church Edifice Work.

Bonds	\$15,487	50°
Stocks	5,000	00
Mortgages	5,000	00
†Real Estate, Chicago, Ill	40,000	00
Miscellaneous		

\$66,737 50

FRANK T. MOULTON, Treasurer.

III Fifth Avenue, New York, March 31, 1904.

*To cover this amount, there are in the Annuity Fund, \$49,100.00 donations available at the death of the donors.

†Value estimated by donor, income for Church Edifice work in Chicago.

AUDITORS' CERTIFICATE.

We have the honor to report that the books, accounts and vouchers of the Society have been audited monthly during the Fiscal Year ending March 31, 1904, by Theodore Pentlarge, Certified Public Accountant, from whom we have the following certificate, which we approve.

EDGAR L. MARSTON, LEONARD F. REQUA, Auditors.

New York, May 9th 1904.

NEW YORK CITY, 200 Broadway, May 2, 1904.

I have made a monthly audit of the books, accounts and vouchers of the American Baptist Home Mission Society during the Fiscal Year ending March 35, 1904, and I hereby certify that the foregoing report of the Treasurer is true and in accordance with the books; that the monies received by the Society have been applied as designated by the donors and disbursed in accordance with appropriations made by the Executive Board. I also certify that the securities, mortgages and other investments mentioned in the foregoing report are held by the Society, and that at the close of the Fiscal Year the amounts named in the foregoing report were to the credit of the Society in its several banks of deposit.

TH. PENTLARGE,

Certified Public Accountant.

In addition to the foregoing, the value of the school and mission properties under the charge of the Society, is estimated as follows:

I .- SCHOOL PROPERTIES.

Atlanta Baptist College, Atlanta, Ga.	Estimated	Value	\$80,000 00
Benedict College, Columbia, S. C.	"	"	76,800 00
Bishop College, Marshall, Texas	"	"	100,000 00
*Florida Baptist Academy, Jacksonville, Fla.	"	44	1,340 00
Florida Institute, Live Oak, Fla.	"	"	6,000 00.
Indian University, Bacone, I. T.	"	"	40,000 00
Jackson College, Jackson, Miss.	. "	"	50,000 00
Roger Williams University, Nashville, Tenn.	"	"	130,000 00
Spelman Seminary, Atlanta, Ga.	"	41	300,000 00
Virginia Union University, Richmond, Va.	"	"	300,000 00
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\$1,084,140 00

^{*}Society's Equity.

II.-MISSION PROPERTIES.

Alaska, Skagway	Estimated Value,	\$3,000 00
California, San Francisco	" 4—"	22,000 00
Cuba, Boniato	" " "	500 00
Cristo	" "	1,850 00
Dos Caminos	u u	1,950 00
Manzanillo		3,500 00
Minas	" "	500 00
Puerto Principe	"	11,000 00
San Luis		3,000 00
Santiago	" "	15,000 00
Indian Territory, Tahlequah	" "	10,000 00
Mexico, City of Mexico		26,000 00
New Laredo		1,800 00
Puebla	**	3,500 00
San Luis Potosi		2,250 00
Oklahoma Territory, Anadarko		1,800 00
Elk Creek	a a	2,500 00
Fort Sill	" "	2,500 00
* Rainy Mountain	"	2,500 00
Watonga		800 00
Porto Rico, Adjuntas		1,000 00
Barros	" "	500 00
Cayey	" "	300 00
Corral Viejo	a a	750 00
Cidra	" " "	800 00
La Playa	" "	2,000 00
Ponce		13,500 00
Rio Piedras		1,500 00

\$136,300 00

LEGACIES.

The following list exhibits the Legacies received by the American Baptist Home Mission Society during the year ending March 31, 1904, giving the names of the testators, their residences, and the amounts:

FOR GENERAL FUND.

MAINE.

MININE.		
KennebunkEdward, Worth	\$20	00
NEW HAMPSHIRE.		
Concord.—Stephen Sewell	50	00
East JaffrayWm. E. Goodnow	100	00
ManchesterMarie G. Putney	100	00
Swanzey.—John A. Hamblett	110	33
VERMONT.		
Fairfax.—J. M. Hotchkiss	16	00
Plainfield.—Ira Stone	5,399	86
Townshend.—Jonas Allen	836	94
Mrs. Mary D. Allen	295	15
Salisbury.—Sarah E. Powers	525	00
Springfield.—Eveline Maxham	764	49
MASSACHUSETTS.		
AgawamMary Ann Smith	249	
Beverly.—Mary Flanders	6,750	00
Billerica.—Emily Farwell	3,770	69
Boston.—Daniel Sharp Ford	31,833	33
Cambridge.—Luther Goodnow	5,429	92
Nancy Goodnow	2,042	33.

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ChicopeeJames McElwain	\$2,005 44
Chicopee FallsM. R. Lucas	78 54
Clinton.—Wilson Morse	1,000 00
DanversMaria Goodhue	278 72
Gardner.—Susanna Stone	65 48
Holyoke.—Alexander Day	681 75
Marshfield.—Rev. Jacob Davis	100 00
MethuenMrs. Vira G. Randall	250 00
NeedhamMary C. Hodges	1,307 95
NewburyportMary Elwell	20 24
SpringfieldMattie E. Sawtelle	1,500 00
Still RiverWm. B. Willard	67 00
SouthbridgeJonathan Edwards	44 00
WoburnPeter Fiske	275 87
RHODE ISLAND.	
North Kingston.—Chas. H. Austin	835 09
Providence.—Elizabeth C. Richardson	3,000 00
H. Jackson, D.D	56 24
Jane McKechnie	109 72
CONNECTICUT.	
HartfordMrs. Cornelia S. Chase	1,159 00
New Britain.—Harriet Wood	25 00
PutnamMary P. Brackett	400 00
Joanna Barrett	110 76
Quaker HillPolly Browning, per Second Waterford Church.	12 00
Stamford.—Nancy Smith	16 66
NEW YORK.	
Albany.—Ezra G. Benedict	9,525 00
Henry R. Pierson	2 57
BrooklynMrs. Catherine Steane	10 00
Fayetteville.—Fidelia D. Eaton	583 93
Holland.—Kunigundia Pickle	23 75

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LyndonvilleMary Ann Martin	\$95	00
Malone.—M. M. Meeker	84	40
Manchester.—Polly Mitchell	20	00
	100	00
Milford.—Plyania Schermerhorn	133	87
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	125	00
Stillwater.—Ann Smith	89	24
Troy.—Mrs. E. A. Taylor	750	00
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Bridgeton.—Narcissa B. Sleeper	10	35
Ocean Grove.—Sarah E: Sampson	794	24
Trenton.—Evan E. Cook	354	67
PENNSYLVANIA.		
NewberryAugustus Courson, per Memorial Church	106	25
	819	49
Peter's CreekAnn S. Benson, per Peter's Creek Church	38/	25
Philadelphia.—Elizabeth E. Abbott 5	50	69
Hamilton R. Hutchins	22	53
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OHIO.		
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Mrs. Theodale B. H. Warren 1,0	31	77
ILLINOIS.		
Dundee.—Betsey Clark	10	00
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Brookings.—P. M. Griswold
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Danversport.—Benjamin Porter
NEW YORK.
Fayetteville.—Fidelia D. Eaton
NEW JERSEY.
Vineland.—Philemon R. Russell
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	CONNECTICUT.	
Groton.—Eb	enezer Morgan	1,000 00
	MINNESOTA.	
St. Paul.—N	Iary F. McClurg	750 00

Grand total

\$1,751 36 ..\$146,478-84

MISSIONARY TABLE FOR 1903-1904.

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April 27	N. V. Organizat'n I	Hon. Thomas Stocks	. Rev.	. Wm. Colgate elected.
May 8	New York	Ion.	_	. William Colgate.
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1840, April 28	New York	Heman I	Rev. Benj. M.	. Runyon W. Martin.
1841, April 27, 28 & May I	Baltimore	Heman I	Rev.	. Runyon W. Martin.
1842, April 26-28	New York	=1	Rev. Benj. M.	. Runyon W. Martin.
1843, April 25	Albany	_1	Rev. Benj. M.	. Runyon W. Martin.
1844 April 23, 26, 29 & 30	Philadelphia	Hon. Heman Lincoln	Benj. M.	. Runyon W. Martin.
1845, April 29 & May 1 & 2	e	Hon. Heman Lincoln	Benj. M.	. Runyon W. Martin
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ventions of Minnesota, Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas, Wisconsin, California, North Pacific Coast, Texas, and Arkansas are in general cooperation with the Society.

Operations in the South were discontinued on the organization of the Southern Baptist Convention in 1845. They were resumed in 1862, since which time they have been chiefly among the Freedmen, and are largely educational. The decrease of laborers among the Freedmen after 1873 is largely accounted for by the fact that students were no longer commissioned as teachers and missionaries during their summer vacations.

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TABLE OF COMPARATIVE RESULTS.

SOCIETY'S YEAR.	Contributions and Legacies.	No. of Missionaries	Churches and Stations Supplied.	Baptisms Reported.	Churches Organized	Years of Labor.
1-1832-33	\$6,586 73	50		400		23
2-1833-34		62		1,600	40	55
3-1834-35		79		1,200	60	68
4-1835-36		96	300	1,040	96	79
5-1836-37		103	247	873	33	80
6-1837-38		105	237	1,431	29	81
7-1838-39		115		1,058	24	8
8-1839-40				761	24	6:
0-1840-41			300	1,134	59	4
10-1841-42			325	1,495	36	6
11-1842-43		85	304	1,489	50	6
12-1843-44		The second secon	249	1,127	20	4
13-1844-45			327	818	51	6
14-1845-46	The second secon		472	992	33	7
15-1846-47			505	490	20	8
16-1847-48			558	694	35	10
7-1848-40	THE RESERVE AND PARTY OF THE PA		453	774	45	9
18-1849-50			338	949	33	8
19-1850-51			386	981	33	9
20-1851-52			380	1,187	46	9
21-1852-5			500	1,025	59	11
22-1853-54		Control of the Contro	612	1.322	67	13
23-1854-5		The second second second	481	1,026	55	12
24-1855-50	201010	The second second second	196	542	21	8
25-1856-5			211	336	24	6
26-1857-58		The state of the s	247	. 593	27	7
27-1858-50		PERSONAL PROPERTY OF THE PARTY	260	764	53	8
28-1859-60	10.00		358	496	50	9
29-1860-6			371	867	71	10
30-1861-6			252	473	30	7
31-1862-6			215	501	17	5
32-1863-6			372	892	36	8
33-1864-6		THE RESERVE THE PERSON NAMED IN	429	2,141	57	13
34-1865-6		A PROPERTY OF THE PARTY OF THE	378	4.151	804	~ 15
35-1866-6	2,32		406	7,236	132	23
36-1867-6			352	6,712	106	20
37—1868–66			301	4,424	64	18
38-1869-70			321	3,840	70	18
39—1870-7			491	4,038	90	IC
40-1871-7		00	500	6,020	160	25
41-1872-7			484	4,910	166	27
42-1873-7		100	362	2,264	THE RESERVE OF THE PARTY OF THE	18
43-1874-7				2,100	113	I
44-1875-7		The second second second	358		92	
45—1876-7	II TO SHARE THE REAL PROPERTY.		300	2,036	65	15
46—1877-7		A STREET, SQUARE, SQUA	256	1,581	60	14

TABLE OF COMPARATIVE RESULTS.—Continued.

SOCIETY'S YEAR.	Contributions and Legacies.	No. of Missionaries	Churches and Stations Supplied.	Baptisms Reported.	Churches Organized	Years of Labor.
47-1878-79	\$115,083 38	238	274	1,172	42	. 157
48-1879-80	122,419 21	277	836	1,160	67	175
49-1880-81	193,373 24	390	1,202	1,304	61	236
50-1881-82		512	1,460	1,675	75	318
51-1882-83	226,914 76	607	1,762	2,515	152	406
52-1883-84	369,302 51	636	1,599	2,949	145	404
53-1884-85		702	1,628	3,317	139	464
54-1885-86	326,279 09	676	1,512	3,396	140	442
55-1886-87		678	1,385	3,300	129	447
56-1887-88	551,595 92	743	1,594	2,886	137	475
57-1888-89	296,461 53	790	1,795	3,646	181	526
58-1889-90	360,414 15	833	1,659	3,834	163	541
59-1890-91		948	1,828	4,523	199	603
60-1891-92	318,986 06		2,018	4,335	119	669
61-1892-93	315,961 78	1,082	2,035	5,743	136	715
62-1893-94	333,137 61	I,III	2,221	5,998	149	682
63-1894-95	355,157 75	1,100	1,933	6,192	150	716
64-1895-96	394,729 10	1,147	2,015	6,258	187	713
65-1896-97		1,064	1,775	4,916	137	722
66-1897-98	318,176 25	1,030	1,591	5,022	150	689
67-1898-99			1,807	3,325	57	720
68-1899-00			1,776	4,442	76	777
69-1900-01	550,818 65	1,199	1,954	4,906	81	820
70-1901-02			2,100	4.957	142	844
71-1902-03			2,098	5,883	150	883
72-1903-04	428,389 83	1,430	2,269	5,945	113	925
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MEMBERS FOR LIFE.

Total number constituted during the year, 63.

Baptist Young People's Union, Cham-paign, Ill., by Self. Bardsley, Wm. W., Brooklyn, N. Y., by Central Baptist Church.

Barken, Mrs. D. T., Delavan, Wis., by Self.

Bartlett, Miss Rhoda, Upper Alton, Ill., by Self.

Blackburn, Rev. Alexander, D.D., Salem, Mass., First Church.

Blackburn, Mrs. Virginia, Salem, by First Church.

Braden, Miss Anna, Washington, Pa., by First Church.

Cole, W. E., Washington, Ind., by Church. Collis, Nellie M., Fredonia, N. Y., by Ely Davis.

Courson, Rev. W. M., Washington, Pa., by Allison Avenue Church.

Courson, Mrs. W. M., Washington, Pa., by Allison Avenue Church. Davis, Eliza E., Fredonia, N. Y., by Ely Davis.

Davis, Ella Irene, Fredonia, N. Y., by Ely Davis.

Davis, Harry E., Fredonia, N. Y., by Ely Davis.

Davis, Evangeline S., Fredonia, N. Y., by Ely Davis.

Davis, Flora E., Fredonia, N. Y., by Ely Davis.

Davis, Fred Ely, Fredonia, N. Y., by Ely Davis.

Davis, Herbert R., Fredonia, N. Y., by Ely Davis.

Davis, Jessie R., Fredonia, N. Y., by Ely Davis.

Dickson, Mrs. I. J., Washington, Pa., by First Church.

Dorman, M. H., Brooklyn, N. Y., by First Church of Pierrepont St.

Doty, Clara, Everett, Mass., by Self.

Rev. Rutger, Philadelphia, Pa., y Tioga Baptist Church & S. S.

Dudley, J. E., Ashmore, Ill., by Self.
Falion, James R., Brooklyn, N. Y., by
First Baptist Church of Pierrepont
Street.
Fletcher, Rev. Charles W., Washington, Pa., by First Church.
Fletcher, Mrs. Chas. W., Washington,
Pa., by First Church.
Cobb. Mrs. Mrs. L. Westfald, Th.

Goble, Mrs. Mary J., Westfield, Ill., by Self.

Green, Amanda H., Los Angeles, Cal., by Mr. Green.

Grohman, Mrs. Bernhard, Washington, Pa., by First Church. Hathaway, Mrs. W. S., Sioux City, Iowa, by Mr. E. E. Lewis.

Hull Miss Alice, Washington, Pa., by First Church.

Johnson, P. D., Bellmore, Ind., by Self. Knowlton, E. M., Urbana, Ill., by Self. Luellen, Mrs. Henry, Washington, Pa., by First Church. Marshall, C. A., Michigantown, Ind., by Self.

Miller, Dr. H. C., Chicago, Ill., by Mr. E. E. Lewis. Mitchell, Rev. L. A., Rhinebeck, N. Y., by First Church.

Molden, Mrs. Lotta, Washington, Pa., by First Church. Morse, Ezra Muier, Fredonia, N. Y., by Ely Davis.

Morse, Lillian M. Davis, Fredonia, N. Y., by Ely Davis.

Overhiser, Rev. F. W., Bedford Sta-tion, N. Y., by Women's Miss'y Soc. of Bedford Church.

Owens, Mrs. Lucinda, Washington, Pa., by First Church.

Parcell, Rev. S. L., Washington, Pa., by Broad St. Church.

Parcell, Mrs. S. L., Washington, Pa., by Broad St. Church.

Peery, Alice M., Brooklyn, N. Y., by Central Baotist Church.

Washington,

Pierce, Rev. Franklin, Pa., by First Church. Washington,

Pierce, Mrs. Franklin, Pa., by First Church.

Sanders, Mrs. W. E., Washington, Pa., by First Church. Smalley, M. S., Washington, Pa., by First Church.

Smalley, Mrs. M. S., Washington, Pa., by First Church.

Smith, Edward, Carrollton, Ill., by Self.

Smith, Miss Julia A., Brooklyn, N. Y., by First Baptist Church of Pierre-pont Street.

Smith, Mrs. Maria R., Milton, Mass., by Blaney Mem'l Church, Boston. Swart, Susan Jane, Grafton, Vt., by Self.

Taylor, Rev. C. L., Sabetha, Kas., by Self.

Treacy, Miss Anna M., Brooklyn, N. Y., by First Baptist Church of Pierrepont Street.

Tuthill, B. Clark, East Marion, L. I., by Church.

Wiggins, W. Halsey, East Marion, L. I., by Church.

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Williams, Rev. Elmer E., Middleboro, Ch.

Williams, Jeannette S., Middleboro, Mass., by Central Church.

Wilson, J. B., Washington, Pa., by First Church.

Wise, Mrs., F. B., Washington, Pa., by First Church.

CONSTITUTION

NAME.

I .- This Society shall be called THE AMERICAN BAPTIST HOME MISSION SOCIETY. OBJECT.

II.—The object of this Society shall be to promote the preaching of the Gospel in North America.

MEMBERSHIP.

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III.—The Society shall be composed as follows:

1. Individual annual members upon the payment of ten dollars.

2. Annual members appointed by contributing churches on the basis of one for each church; and an additional member for each \$50.00 contributed; provided that no church be entitled to more than ten members.

3. Honorary life members, whether so constituted by the payment, either by themselves, by friends, or by churches, of \$50.00. Every such member shall have a vote in the meetings of the Society, so long as he continues to be an annual contributor to the treasury. But no person shall vote in the meetings of the Society who is not a member in good standing of a regular Baptist Church.

4. All persons constituted Members for Life previous to June 1, 1902.

OFFICERS.

IV.—The officers of the Society shall be a President, two Vice-Presidents, a Treasurer, two Auditors, one or more Corresponding Secretaries, and a Recording Secretary.

MANAGERS.

V.—There shall be twenty-one managers also, residing chiefly in the city of New York, or its vicinity, who shall be divided by lot among themselves into three classes of seven members each. The terms of service of the first class shall expire in one year, that of the second class in two years, and that of the third class in three years; provided that absence from four consecutive regular meetings of the Board without a written, valid excuse, shall work a forfeiture of membership, unless the term is extended by special vote of the Board. At each annual meeting of the Society, after the first election under this amended Constitution, one class only shall be elected for the term of three years, to the end that the third part of the whole number of the managers, as nearly as possible, may be annually chosen; provided, however, that vacancies remaining in any class may be filled for the unexpired term of that class. The officers and managers shall be elected by ballot and continue to discharge their official duties until superseded by a new election.

EXECUTIVE BOARD.

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VI.—The Recording Secretary and Managers of the Society shall constitute the Executive Board, to control the business of the Society, seven of whom shall be a quorum for that purpose. They shall have power to appoint their own meetings, elect their own Chairman, and Recording Secretary, enact their own By-laws and Rules of Order, provided, always, that they be not inconsistent with this Constitution; fill all vacancies which may occur in their own body, or in the offices of the Society, during the year, and, if deemed necessary by two-thirds of the members, convene special meetings of the Society. They shall establish such agencies as the interests of the Society may require, appoint agents and missionaries, fix their compensations, direct and instruct them concerning their particular fields and labors, make all appropriations to be paid out of the treasury, and present the Society, at each annual meeting, a full report of their proceedings during the current year.

DESIGNATED FUNDS.

VII.—All moneys or other property contributed and designated for any particular missionary field or purpose shall be so appropriated, or returned to the donors or their lawful agents.

TREASURER.

VIII.—The Treasurer shall give bonds to such amount as the Executive Board shall think proper.

ELIGIBILITY TO APPOINTMENT.

IX.—All the Officers, Managers, Missionaries and Agents of the Society shall be members in good standing in regular Baptist Churches.

ANNUAL MEETING.

X.—The Society shall meet annually for the election of Officers and Managers and the transaction of other necessary business, at such time and place as the Executive Board shall appoint.

ALTERATIONS TO THE CONSTITUTION.

XI.—No alteration of this Constitution shall be made without an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members present at an annual meeting; nor unless the same shall have been proposed in writing, and the proposition sustained by a majority vote, at a previous annual meeting, or recommended by the Executive Board.